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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
New Orleans, November 23, 1865.

On Thursday, November 23d, 1865, being the day fixed by the proclamation of his Excellency J. Madison Wells, Governor of the State of Louisiana, for the meeting of an extra session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, the Representatives met at the Mechanics' Institute.

At 12:30 p. m., Hon. B. P. Voorhies took the Chair and called the House to order; whereupon, in a few appropriate remarks, he stated that in order to see if a quorum was present, and perfect an organization, it was necessary that the House should choose a Speaker pro tem., when he called to the Chair Hon. E. C. Ewing, of Lafourche who declined; and upon motion of Mr. Delamore, Hon. S. P. DeLabarre, of Orleans, took the Chair and officiated as Speaker pro tem.

The Clerk of the House then suggested that it was necessary to have an Assistant Clerk to enable him to call the roll.

When, on motion, Mr. Eastin was nominated.

Mr. Murray objected to the nomination, and suggested that a member of the House should be appointed to act as Clerk pro tem., until an organization should be effected.

Which, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. Murray nominated Mr. McConnell, who declined.

Mr. McConnell then nominated Mr. Jonas, who also declined.

Mr. Richardson nominated Mr. Shepherd, (not a member,) who was chosen Assistant Clerk.

Upon the roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Austin J. E., Orleans; Alverson E., East Baton Rouge; Addison J. W., Livingston; Anderson S., Madison; Bailey N. E., Orleans; Bensel H., Orleans; Bonnabel H., Orleans; Brown H. S., Iberville; Collins J. H., West Feliciana; Cage D. S., Terrebonne; Deblanc C., Orleans; Daigle F., Lafourche; Delamore J., Orleans; Deporter L., St. James; DeLabarre S. P., Orleans; Decker T. J., Plaquemines; Duralde J. V., West Baton Rouge; Duffel H., Ascension; Dugas J. B.

L., Assumption; Davenport C., St. Charles; Eager C. A., Orleans; Eustis J. R., Orleans; Ewing F. C., Lafourche; Eastin R. B., St. Martin; Fenner C. E., Orleans; Fagot C. R., Orleans; Fulda J., Orleans; Fishburn P., East Feliciana; Freret G. A., Orleans; Gottschalk E. G., Orleans; Gates F. L., St. Martin; Gaisser D., Orleans; Hanlon J. T., Orleans; Henderson J., Orleans; Higgins J. P., Orleans; Halsey J. H., Pointe Coupee; Holt J., East Baton Rouge; Hatch J. J., Rapides; Jonas B. F., Orleans; Kent A., St. Helena; Kelly J., Leeds C. J., Orleans; Lipscomb A. A., Orleans; Lemarie L. E., Orleans; LeBlanc E. E., Lafourche; Labranch B. S., St. John Baptist; Lagroue C. A., Jefferson; Murray T., Orleans; McKelvey, P. B. Dr., Orleans; McConnell J., Orleans; McCloskey H., Orleans; Montgomery F. F., Carroll; Martin F., Lafayette; Nelligan J., Orleans; Ormond J., Algiers; Phillips James, Orleans; Phillips Alf., Orleans; Peterson P. M., Orleans; Pujo A., Calcasieu; Roman Chas., Orleans; Richards N., Orleans; Rodgers E., Lafourche; Richardson M., St. Landry; Robinson N. T. N., Orleans; Simonds L. E., Orleans; Solomon J., Orleans; Scanlan D. P., Orleans; Scott W. S., Jefferson; Sambola A., Orleans; Seger A. B., Algiers; Smith, W., Orleans; Stille R. B., Sabine; Tete F. A., Assumption; Theriot F., Terrebonne; Thieneman C. F., Orleans; Voorhies B. P., Orleans; Walker A. W., St. Bernard; Whittington J. B., Assumption; Wiltz P. S., Orleans; Waggaman E., Jefferson—81 members.

In calling off the names of the Second Representative District of the parish of Orleans, the name of P. K. O'Connor was called, when, on motion of Mr. McConnell, it was moved that the name of P. K. O'Connor be stricken from the roll, and the name of Williamson Smith be substituted therefor. Carried.

Moved that the House go into an election for Speaker.

Mr. S. Anderson, of Madison, opposed the motion on the grounds that there was so small a proportion of the country members yet present, which opposition was sustained, and a motion was

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made to take a recess till 12 o'clock m. Friday, November 24.

Mr. Richardson moved to adjourn until 12 m. Friday, November 24th, which was lost by the following vote :

Yeas, 10; nays, 69.

Mr. S. Anderson renewed his motion for a recess until 12 o'clock m. Friday, Nov. 24th.

Mr. Delamore moved to lay the motion to take a recess on the table. Carried by a rising vote of 61 yeas; nays not counted.

Mr. McConnell moved that a Committee on Credentials, to consist of five members, be appointed. Carried.

Whereupon the Speaker pro tem. appointed the following named members: Messrs. McConnell, Labranche, Cage, Lemarie, Wiltz.

Mr. Decker then moved that the House take a recess until to-morrow, Friday, November 24, at 12 m. Carried.

The House then adjourned until Friday, November 24, 1865, at 12 m.

[Approved.]

L. C. WESTERFIELD,
Clerk House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Friday, Nov. 24, 1865. }

The House met at 12 m., pursuant to an adjournment. Hon. S. P. DeLamarre, Speaker pro tem. in the Chair. Upon the roll being called the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Austin J. E., Orleans; Alverson E., East Baton Rouge; Addison J. W., Livingston; Anderson J., Madison; Bailey N. E., Orleans; Bensel H., Orleans; Brown H. S., Iberville; Barry J. C., St. Landry; Boyce H., Rapides; Collins J. H., West Feliciana; Cage D., Terrebonne; Couvillon G., Avoyelles; Daigle L., Lafayette; Deblanc C., Orleans; Delamore J., Orleans; Deporter L., St. James; DeLamarre L. P., Orleans; Decker T. J., Plaquemine; Duralde J. V., West Baton Rouge; Duffel H., Ascension; Dugas, J. B. S., Assumption; Davenport C., St. Charles; Eager C. A., Orleans; Eustis J. R., Orleans; Ewing F. C., Lafourche; Edwards J. M., Avoyelles; Eastin R. J., St. Martin; Fenner C. E., Orleans; Fagot C. R., Orleans; Fulda J., Orleans; Fishburn P., East Feliciana; Freret G. A., Orleans; Gottschalk E. G., Orleans; Gates F. L., St. Martin; Gaisser D., Orleans; Hanlon J. T., Orleans; Henderson J., Orleans; Higgins J. P., Orleans; Halsey J. H., Point Coupee; Holt J., East Baton Rouge; Hatch J. J., Rapides; Hudspeth G., St. Landry; Jonas B. F., Orleans; Kelly S., Orleans; Leeds C. J., Orleans; Lipscomb A. A., Orleans; Lemarie L. E., Orleans; Labranche B. S., St. John Baptist; Lewis E. T., Rapides; Lagroue C. A., Jefferson; Murray T., Orleans; McKelvey E. P. Dr., Orleans; McConnell J., Orleans; McCloskey H., Orleans; McGee J.,

Washington; Martin F., Lafayette; Nelligan J., Orleans; Ormond J., Algiers; Phillips James, Orleans; Phillips Alf., Orleans; Peterson P. M., Orleans; Pujo A., Calcasieu; Roman Chas., Orleans; Richards N., Orleans; Rogers E., Lafourche; Ryan, J., Calcasieu; Richardson M., St. Landry; Regenburg H., Union; Robinson N. T. N., Orleans; Solomon J., Orleans; Scanlan D. P., Orleans; Scott W. J., Jefferson; Sambola A., Orleans; Seger A. B., Algiers; Smith W., Orleans; Stille R. B., Sabine; Tete F. A., Assumption; Theriot F., Terrebonne; Thieneman T. F., Orleans; Voorhies B. P., Orleans; Walker A. W., St. Bernard; Whittington J. B., Assumption; Wiltz P. S., Orleans.

The journal of yesterday, November 23, was read, amended, and adopted.

Mr. McConnell, Chairman of Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received, adopted, and committee discharged:

To the Hon. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the certificates of election of all the members appear to be in proper form, with the exception of one member from the Second Representative District of New Orleans, wherein the name of P. K. O'Connor was substituted for that of Williamson Smith. That an examination of the original returns of the Sheriff, submitted with his report by the Secretary of State, show that Mr. Smith received 719 votes and Mr. O'Connor only 198, and hence the substitution stated was simply a clerical error in the report of the Secretary of State, which having been already corrected by the House, and there being no further duty to engage their attention, the committee ask to be discharged. On behalf of the committee,

J. McCONNELL, Chairman.

Mr. Scanlan moved that the House proceed to the election of Speaker,

Whereupon Mr. Eustis moved that the House take a recess until to-morrow, Saturday, November 25th, 1865.

Whereupon the House adjourned until Saturday, Nov. 25, at 12 m.

[Approved.]

L. C. WESTERFIELD,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
New Orleans, Nov. 25, 1865. }

The House met at 12 o'clock m., pursuant to an adjournment.

Hon. S. P. DeLamarre, Speaker, in the Chair.

Upon the roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Anderson Sam'l, Madison; Austin J. E., Orleans; Alverson E., East Baton Rouge; Addison J. W., Livingston; Bailey N. E., Orleans; Barry J. C., St. Landry; Bensel H., Orleans; Brown H. S., Iberville; Cage D. S., Terrebonne; Collins J. H., West Feliciana; Couvillon G., Avoyelles; Davenport C., St. Charles; Daigle F., Lafayette; De-

blanc C., Orleans; Delamore J., Orleans; Deporter L., St. James; DeLabarre S. P., Orleans; Decker T. J., Plaquemines; Duralde J. V., West Baton Rouge; Duffel H., Ascension; Dugas J. B. L., Assumption; Eastin R. B., St. Martin; Eager C. A., Orleans; Eustis J. R., Orleans; Edwards J. M., Avoyelles; Fagot C. R., Orleans; Freret G. A., Orleans; Fishburn P., East Feliciana; Fulda J., Orleans; Gaisser D. G., Orleans; Garrett E., St. Landry; Gottschalk E. G., Orleans; Hanlon J. T., Orleans; Halsey J. H., Pointe Coupee; Harrison J. P., Morehouse; Hatch J. J., Rapides; Henderson J., Orleans; Higgins J. P., Orleans; Holt J., East Baton Rouge; Hudspeth G., St. Landry; Jonas B. F., Orleans; Kent A., St. Helena; Kelly J., Orleans; Labranche B. S., St. John Baptist; Lagroue C. A., Jefferson; Leeds C. J., Orleans; Lemarie L. E., Orleans; LeBlanc E. E., Lafourche; Lipscomb A. A., Orleans; Martin F., Lafayette; Meredith C. C., Caldwell; McKelvey P. B. Dr., Orleans; McEnery J., Ouachita; McConnell L. J., Orleans; McGee J., Washington; McCloskey H., Orleans; Montgomery F. F., Carroll; Murray T., Orleans; Nelligan J., Orleans; Ormond J., Algiers; Peterson P. M., Orleans; Phillips Jas., Orleans; Pujo A., Calcasieu; Richardson M., St. Tammany; Richards N., Orleans; Roman Charles, Orleans; Robinson N. T. N., Orleans; Scanlan D. P., Orleans; Seger A. B., Algiers; Simonds L. E., Orleans; Smith W., Orleans; Stille R. B., Sabine; Solomon J., Orleans; Tete F. A., Assumption; Theriot F. A., Terrebonne; Thieneman T. F., Orleans; Tucker A. L., St. Mary; Voorhies B. P., Orleans; Walker A. W., St. Bernard; Whittington J. B., Assumption; Wiltz P. S., Orleans; Waggaman E., Jefferson—81 members.

The journal of Friday, November 24th, 1865, was read.

The Speaker pro tem. submitted to the House a communication from Hon. S. Wrotnowski, Secretary of State, purporting to be the election returns from the parish of Claiborne; which, on motion, was laid on the table, subject to the organization of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. H. B. Kelly, its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate had perfected its organization by the election of Hon. Victor Burthe as President pro tem., and Mr. H. B. Kelly as Secretary, and was ready to proceed to business; which, on motion, was laid over, subject to the organization of the House.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the House then took a recess until Monday, November 27th, 1865, at 12 o'clock m.

[Approved.]

G. B. SHEPHERD,
Assistant Clerk.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
New Orleans, November 27th, 1865. }

The House met at 12 o'clock m., pursuant to an adjournment. Hon. S. P. DeLabarre, Speaker pro tem., in the Chair.

Upon the roll being called the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Anderson Samuel, Madison; Austin J. E., Orleans; Alverson E., East Baton Rouge; Addison J. W., Livingston; Blackman W. F., Claiborne; Bailey N. E., Orleans; Barry J. C., St. Landry; Bensel H., Orleans; Bonnabel H., Orleans; Brown H. S., Iberville; Boyce H., Rapides; Cage D. S., Terrebonne; Collins J. H., West Feliciana; Couvillon G., Avoyelles; Davenport C., St. Charles; Daigle F., Lafayette; Drake H. W., Tensas; Deblanc C., Orleans; Delamore, J., Orleans; Deporter L., St. James; DeLabarre S. P., Orleans; Decker T. J., Plaquemine; Duralde J. V., West Baton Rouge; Duffel H., Ascension; Dugas J. B. L., Assumption; Eastin R. B., St. Martin; Eager C. A., Orleans; Edwards J. M., Avoyelles; Fagot C. R., Orleans; Fenner C. E., Orleans; Freret G. A., Orleans; Fishburn P., East Feliciana; Fulda J., Orleans; Gates F. L., St. Martin; Gaisser D. J., Orleans; Gantt E., St. Landry; Gottschalk E. G., Orleans; Hanlon J. T., Orleans; Halsey J. H., Pointe Coupee; Harrison J. P., Morehouse; Hatch J. J., Rapides; Henderson J., Orleans; Higgins, J. P., Orleans; Holt Jordan, East Baton Rouge; Hudspeth G., St. Landry; Jonas B. F., Orleans; Kelly J., Orleans; Labranche B. S., St. John Baptist; Lagroue C. A., Jefferson; Leeds C. J., Orleans; Lemarie L. E., Orleans; LeBlanc E. E., Lafourche; Lipscomb A. A., Orleans; Martin F., Lafayette; Meredith C. C., Caldwell; McKelvey P. B. Dr., Orleans; McEnery J., Ouachita; McGee J., Washington; McCloskey H., Orleans; Montgomery F. F., Carroll; Murray T., Orleans; Nelligan J., Orleans; Ormond J., Algiers; Peterson P. M., Orleans; Phillips James, Orleans; Phillips Alf., Orleans; Pujo A., Calcasieu; Richardson M., St. Tammany; Richards N., Orleans; Roman Charles, Orleans; Rogers E., Lafourche; Robinson N. T. N., Orleans; Sambola A., Orleans; Scanlan D. P., Orleans; Simonds L. E., Orleans; Smith W., Orleans; Stille R. B., Sabine; Scott W. S., Jefferson; Solomon J., Orleans; Tete F. A., Assumption; Theriot F. A., Terrebonne; Thieneman T. F., Orleans; Tucker A. L., St. Mary; Voorhies B. P., Orleans; Walker A. W., St. Bernard; Whittington J. B., Assumption; Wiltz P. S., Orleans; Waggaman E., Jefferson—88 members present.

Messrs. Higgins, Phillips Alf., and Simonds reported after roll call.

The journal of Saturday, November 25, 1865, was read and adopted.

The Speaker pro tem. submitted to the House

a communication from Hon. S. Wrotnowski, Secretary of State, with enclosed returns from the parish of St. Mary, announcing the election of Mr. A. L. Tucker as member of this body.

Mr. Austin moved that the communication, with said election returns, be laid on the table, subject to the organization of the House.

Mr. Murray offered the following amendment to this motion:

Provided the name of Mr. A. L. Tucker be entered upon the roll.

Which motion was adopted as amended.

Mr. Austin moved that the House now proceed to the election of a Speaker, which motion was withdrawn by the mover.

Whereupon Mr. Walker moved that the House take a recess until Thursday, November 30th, which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson of Madison, Alverson, Addison, Blackman, Bailey, Bonnabel, Boyce, Cage, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Delamore, DeLaBarre, Decker, Duffel, Eager, Elam, Edwards, Freret, Fishburn, Halsey, Hatch, Holt, Kelly, Labranche, Lagroue, LeBlanc, McKelvey, McEnery, Montgomery, Richardson, Richards, Scanlan, Simonds, Stille, Scott, Theriot, Tucker, Walker, Waggaman—40.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Barry, Bensel, Brown, Collins, Deblanc, Deporter, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Fagot, Fenner, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Harrison, Henderson, Hudspeth, Jonas, Leeds, Lemarie, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McGee, McCloskey, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Jas. Phillips, Alf. Phillips, Pujo, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Sambola; Smith, Solomon, Tete, Theineman, Voorhies, Whittington, Wiltz—47.

Mr. Fenner moved that the House take a recess until Tuesday, November 28th, 1865, at 12 o'clock *m.* Carried, and the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 28th, 1865, at 12 o'clock *m.*

[Approved.]

L. C. WESTERFELD, Clerk.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
New Orleans, November 28, 1865. }

The House met at 12 o'clock, *m.*, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Hon. S. P. DeLaBarre, Speaker pro tem., and Messrs. Anderson J., Catahoula, Anderson Saml., Madison; Austin J. E., Orleans; Alverson E., East Baton Rouge; Addison J. W., Livingston; Blackman W. F., Claiborne; Bailey N. E., Orleans; Barry J. C., St. Landry; Bensel H., Orleans; Bonnabel H., Orleans; Brown H. S., Iberville; Boyce H., Rapides; Buie D., Franklin; Cage D. S., Terrebonne; Collins J. H., West Feliciana; Couvillon G., Avoyelles; Davenport C., St. Charles; Daigle F., Lafayette; Deblanc C., Orleans; Delamore J., Orleans; Deporter L., St.

James; DeLaBarre S. P., Orleans; Decker T. J., Plaquemines; Ditto W. L., Catahoula; Duralde J. V., West Baton Rouge; Dugas J. B. L., Assumption; Eastin R. B., St. Martin; Elam J. B., De Soto; Eustis J. R., Orleans; Ewing F. C., Lafourche; Edwards J. M., Avoyelles; Fagot, C. R., Orleans; Freret G. A., Orleans; Fishburn P., East Feliciana; Fulda J., Orleans; Gates F. L., St. Martin; Gaisser D. J., Orleans; Gantt F., St. Landry; Hanlon J. T., Orleans; Halsey J. H., Pointe Coupee; Harrison J. P., Morehouse; Hatch J. J., Rapides; Henderson J., Orleans; Higgins J. P., Orleans; Holt J., East Baton Rouge; Hudspeth G., St. Landry; Jonas B. F., Orleans; Kent A., St. Helena; Kelly J., Orleans; Labranche B. S., St. John Baptist; Lagroue C. A., Jefferson; Leeds C. J., Orleans; Lemarie L. E., Orleans; LeBlanc E. E., Lafourche; Lipscomb A. A., Orleans; Martin F., Lafayette; Meredith C. C., Caldwell; McKelvey P. B. Dr., Orleans; McEnery J., Ouachita; McConnell L. J., Orleans; McGee J., Washington; McCloskey H., Orleans; Montgomery F. F., Carroll; Murray T., Orleans; Nelligan J., Orleans; Ormond J., Algiers; Peterson P. M., Orleans; Phillips Jas., Orleans; Pujo A., Calcasieu; Richardson M., St. Tammany; Richards N., Orleans; Roman Charles, Orleans; Rodgers E., Lafourche; Scanlan D. P., Orleans; Seger A. B., Algiers; Simonds L. E., Orleans; Smith W., Orleans; Stille R. B., Sabine; Scott W. S., Jefferson; Solomon J., Orleans; Tete F. A., Assumption; Theriot F. A., Terrebonne; Thieneman T. F., Orleans; Tucker A. L., St. Mary; Voorhies B. P., Orleans; Walker A. W., St. Bernard; Whittington, J. B., Assumption; Wiltz P. S., Orleans; Waggaman E., Jefferson—87 members present.

The journal of Monday, 27th November, was read and on motion approved. The Speaker laid before the House a communication from Mr. Overall, proprietor of the Commercial Reading Rooms, which was read, and on motion the invitation therein contained accepted, and on motion of Mr. Nelligan a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Overall for his kindness.

Mr. Thieneman moved that the House take a recess till to-morrow at 12 *m.*, and offered a resolution empowering the Speaker to invite the clergymen of this city to open the proceedings of the House with prayer.

Mr. Jonas moved as a substitute for the motion of Mr. Thieneman, that the House do now proceed to the election of a Speaker, which prevailed, and the House proceeded to the nomination of candidates for Speaker.

Mr. Hanlon of Orleans, nominated Hon. D. S. Cage, of Terrebonne.

Mr. Walker of St. Bernard, nominated Hon. E. Waggaman of Jefferson.

There being no further nominations the roll was

called and the following members voted for Hon. D. S. Cage :

Messrs. Anderson J., Catahoula; Anderson Sam'l, Madison; Austin J. E., Orleans; Alverson E., East Baton Rouge; Addison J. W., Livingston; Bailey N. E., Orleans; Barry J. C., St. Landry; Bensel H., Orleans; Brown H. S., Iberville; Boyce H., Rapides; Buie D., Franklin; Collins J. H., West Feliciana; Couvillon G., Avoyelles; Davenport C., St. Charles; Delamore J., Orleans; DeLabarre S. P., Orleans; Decker T. J., Plaquemines; Ditto W. L., Catahoula; Duralde J. V., West Baton Rouge; Duffel H., Ascension; Eastin R. B., St. Martin; Eager C. A., Orleans; Elam J. B., De Soto; Eldridge G. W., De Soto; Eustis J. R., Orleans; Ewing F. C., Lafourche; Edwards J. M., Avoyelles; Fagot C. R., Orleans; Freret G. A., Orleans; Fishburn P., East Feliciana; Fulda J., Orleans; Gates F. L., St. Martin; Gaisser D. J., Orleans; Gottschalk E. G., Orleans; Hanlon J. T., Orleans; Halsey J. H., Point Coupee; Harrison J. P., Morehouse; Hatch J. J., Rapides; Henderson J., Orleans; Higgins J. P., Orleans; Holt J., East Baton Rouge; Hudspeth G., St. Landry; Jonas B. F., Orleans; Kent A., St. Helena; Kelly J., Orleans; Leeds C. J., Orleans; Lemarie L. E., Orleans; LeBlanc E. E., Lafourche; Lipscomb A. A., Orleans; Martin F., Lafayette; Meredith C. C., Caldwell; McKelvey P. B. Dr., Orleans; McGee J., Ouachita; McConnell L. J., Orleans; McGee J., Washington; McCloskey H., Orleans; Murray T., Orleans; Ormond J., Algiers; Peterson P. M., Orleans; Phillips Jas., Orleans; Pujo A., Calcasieu; Richardson M., St. Tammany; Richards N., Orleans; Roman Chas., Orleans; Rogers E., Lafourche; Robinson N. T. N., Orleans; Scanlan D. P., Orleans; Seger A. P., Algiers; Simonds L. E., Orleans; Smith W., Orleans; Tete F. A., Assumption; Theriot F. A., Terrebonne; Tucker A. L., St. Mary; Thieneman T. F., Orleans; Voorhies B. P., Orleans; Whittington J. B., Assumption; Wiltz P. S., Orleans; Waggaman E., Jefferson—75 members.

And the following members voted for Hon. E. Waggaman :

Messrs. Bonnabel, Cage, Daigle, DeBlanc, Deporter, Dugas, Eustis, Gantt, Labranche, Lagroue, Montgomery, Nelligan, Stille, Scott, Solomon and Walker—16 members.

Whereupon Hon. D. S. Cage was declared Speaker elect, and the oath of office having been administered to him by the Speaker pro tem, he took his seat as such.

On motion of Mr. Thieneman, the Speaker proceeded to administer the oath to the following members of the House :

Messrs. Anderson J., Catahoula; Anderson Samuel, Madison; Austin J. E., Orleans; Alverson D., East Baton Rouge; Addison J. W., Livingston;

Blackman W. F., Claiborne; Bailey N. E., Orleans; Barry J. C., St. Landry; Bensel H., Orleans; Bonnabel H., Orleans; Brown H. S., Iberville; Boyce H., Rapides; Buie D., Franklin; Collins J. H., West Feliciana; Couvillon G., Avoyelles; Davenport C., St. Charles; Daigle F., Lafayette; DeBlanc C., Orleans; Delamore J., Orleans; Deporter L., St. James; DeLabarre, S. P., Orleans; Decker T. J., Plaquemines; Ditto W. L., Catahoula; Duralde J. V., West Baton Rouge; Duffel H., Ascension; Dugas J. B. L., Assumption; Eastin R. B., St. Martin; Elam J. B., DeSoto; Eustis J. R., Orleans; Ewing F. C., Lafourche; Edwards J. M., Avoyelles; Fagot C. R., Orleans; Fenner C. E., Orleans; Freret G. A., Orleans; Fishburn P., East Feliciana; Fulda J., Orleans; Gates, F. L., St. Martin; Gaisser D. J., Orleans; Gantt E., St. Landry; Gottschalk E. G., Orleans; Hanlon J. T., Orleans; Halsey J. H., Point Coupee; Harrison J. P., Morehouse; Hatch J. J., Rapides; Henderson J., Orleans; Higgins J. P., Orleans; Holt J., East Baton Rouge; Hudspeth G., St. Landry; Jonas B. F., Orleans; Kent A., St. Helena; Kelly J., Orleans; Labranche B. S., St. John Baptist; Lagroue C. A., Jefferson; Leeds C. J., Orleans; Lemarie L. E., Orleans; LeBlanc, E. E., Lafourche; Lipscomb A. A., Orleans; Martin F., Lafayette; Meredith C. C., Caldwell; McKelvey P. B. Dr., Orleans; McEnery J., Ouachita; McConnell L. J., Orleans; McGee J., Washington; McCloskey H., Orleans; Montgomery P. F., Carroll; Murray T., Orleans; Nelligan J., Orleans; Ormond J., Algiers; Peterson P. M., Orleans; Phillips James, Orleans; Pujo A., Calcasieu; Richardson M., St. Tammany; Richards N., Orleans; Roman Charles, Orleans; Rogers E., Lafourche; Robinson N. T. N., Orleans; Scanlan, D. P., Orleans; Seger A. B., Algiers; Simonds L. E., Orleans; Smith W., Orleans; Stille R. B., Sabine; Scott W. S., Jefferson; Solomon J., Orleans; Tete F. A., Assumption; Theriot F. A., Terrebonne; Thieneman T. F., Orleans; Tucker A. L., St. Mary; Voorhies P. B., Orleans; Walker A. W., St. Bernard; Whittington J. B., Assumption; Wiltz P. S., Orleans; Waggaman E., Jefferson.

On motion, the House proceeded to elect a Chief Clerk, and the following candidates were put in nomination :

A. H. Isaacson, by Messrs. Elam, Austin and Barry.

E. T. Morehead, by Mr. Duffel.

S. C. Reid, by Mr. Nelligan.

George P. Childres, by Messrs. Harrison and McCloskey.

T. L. Maxwell, by Mr. Scott.

G. B. Shepherd, by Messrs. Waggaman and Alverson.

E. F. Lhoste, by Messrs. Simonds and DeLabarre.

E. R. Eastin, by Messrs. Anderson and Voorhies.

E. R. Austin, by Mr. Gottschalk.

The nominations being closed the House proceeded to ballot with the following result:

For A. H. Isaacson—Messrs. Anderson, Austin J., Blackman, Collins, Davenport, Deporter, Duralde, Elam, Fishburn, Gaisser, Labranche, McKelvey, McEnery, Ormond and Segor—15 votes.

For E. T. Morehead—Messrs. Addison, Barry, Brown, Couvillon, Decker, Duffel, Ewing, Edwards, Gantt, Halsey, Hatch, Henderson, Hudspeth, Kent, LeBlanc, Rogers, Tete, Whittington—18 votes.

For S. C. Reid—Messrs. Eustis, Nelligan—2 votes.

For G. P. Childres—Messrs. Fenner, Harrison, Jonas, McConnell, McCloskey, Scanlan—6 votes.

For T. L. Maxwell—Messrs. Bonnabel, Buie, Collins, Delamore, Fagot, Higgins, Lemarie, Lipscomb, Peterson, Phillips J., Richards, Scott, Solomon, Thieneman and Walker—15 votes.

For G. B. Shepherd—Messrs. Alverson, Ditto, Holt, Richardson, Stille, Tucker and Waggaman—7 votes.

For E. F. Lhoste—Messrs. Bailey, Bensel, DeLabarre, Dugas, Gaisser, Hanlon, Lagroue, Leeds, Robinson, Simonds—10 votes.

For Mr. Eastin—Messrs. S. Anderson, Boyce, Daigle, Deblanc, Eastin, Ewing, Freret, Fulda, Gates, Kelly, Martin, Meredith, Montgomery, Murray, Pujo, Roman, Smith, Theriot, Voorhies and Wiltz—21 votes.

And there being no election, the House proceeded to a second ballot, with the following result:

For Mr. Isaacson—Messrs. S. Anderson, Blackman, Collins, Davenport, Duralde, Elam, Fenner, Fishburn, McKelvey and McEnery—10 votes.

For Mr. Morehead—Messrs. Addison, Barry, Brown, Couvillon, Decker, Duffel, Ewing, Edwards, Gantt, Halsey, Hatch, Hudspeth, Kent, Labranche, LeBlanc, Rogers, Tete and Whittington—18 votes.

For Mr. Maxwell—Messrs. Austin, Bensel, Bonnabel, Cage, Delamore, Deporter, Eustis, Fagot, Gaisser, Henderson, Higgins, Jonas, Lagroue, Leeds, Lemarie, Lipscomb, McCloskey, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips J., Richards, Scanlan, Seger, Scott, Solomon, Thieneman, Voorhies and Walker—29 votes.

For Mr. Shepherd—Messrs. Alverson, Buie, Ditto, Holt, Richardson, Stille, Tucker and Waggaman—8 votes.

For Mr. Eastin—Messrs. S. Anderson, Bailey, Boyce, Daigle, Deblanc, Duffel, Eastin, Dugas, Freret, Fulda, Gates, Harrison, Kelly, Martin, Meredith, Montgomery, Pujo, Smith, Theriot and Wiltz—20 votes.

For Mr. Lhoste—Messrs. DeLabarre, Hanlon, McConnell, Murray, Robinson and Simonds—6 votes.

There being no election, on motion, the three

highest candidates were taken for the third ballot, which resulted as follows:

For Mr. Maxwell—Messrs. Austin, Blackman, Bensel, Bonnabel, Buie, Cage, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Eustis, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Henderson, Higgins, Jonas, Lagroue, Leeds, Lemarie, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Murray, Nelligan, Peterson, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Solomon, Scanlan, Simonds, Scott, Solomon, Thieneman, Voorhies, Walker and Waggaman—44 votes.

For Mr. Eastin—Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Bailey, Boyce, Daigle, Dugas, Eastin, Fulda, Harrison, Holt, Kelly, Martin, Meredith, Montgomery, Ormond, J. Phillips, Pujo, Seger, Smith, Stille, Theriot and Wiltz—22 votes.

For Mr. Morehead—Messrs. Alverson, Addison, Barry, Brown, Collins, Couvillon, Decker, Ditto, Duffel, Elam, Ewing, Edwards, Fishburn, Gantt, Halsey, Hatch, Hudspeth, Kent, Labranche, LeBlanc, Rogers, Tete, Tucker and Whittington—24 votes.

And there being no election the House proceeded to the fourth ballot, with the following result:

For Mr. Maxwell—Messrs. Austin, Blackman, Bensel, Bonnabel, Buie, Cage, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Ditto, Duralde, Eustis, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Henderson, Higgins, Jonas, Lagroue, Leeds, Lemarie, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Smith, Scott, Solomon, Thieneman, Voorhies, Walker and Waggaman—50 votes.

For Mr. Eastin—Messrs. S. Anderson, Eastin, Fulda, Harrison, Kelly, Pujo, Stille and Wiltz—8 votes.

For Mr. Morehead—Messrs. J. Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Brown, Boyce, Collins, Couvillon, Daigle, Decker, Duffel, Dugas, Elam, Ewing, Edwards, Fishburn, Gates, Gantt, Halsey, Hatch, Holt, Hudspeth, Kent, Labranche, LeBlanc, Martin, Meredith, Montgomery, Rogers, Tete, Theriot, Tucker and Whittington—34 votes.

Mr. T. L. Maxwell having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared by the Speaker elected Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. DeLabarre moved to proceed to the election of an Assistant Clerk, and that but one be elected, which was agreed to, and the following named persons were nominated:

E. W. Halsey, nominated by Messrs. Holt, McCloskey, and Decker.

Charles Kerr, nominated by Mr. Thieneman and Dr. Deblanc.

L. J. Ducote, by Messrs. Couvillon and Edwards.

F. J. Laizer, by Messrs. Deporter, Fagot, Bensel, Gottschalk, Fulda and Kelly.

L. O. Maureau, by Mr. Labranche.

E. F. Morehead, by Mr. Ewing.

There being no further nominations, the House proceeded to ballot, with the following result :

For Mr. Halsey—Messrs. S. Anderson, Austin, Blackman, Bailey, Barry, Cage, Collins, Davenport, Duralde, Duffel, Elam, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Gates, Gantt, Hanlon, Halsey, Holt, Leeds, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Richards, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Smith, Voorhies and Walker—36 votes.

For Charles Kerr—Messrs. Bonnabel, Daigle, Deblanc, Dugas, Peterson, Jas. Phillips, Theriot, Thieneman and Tucker—9 votes.

For Mr. Ducote—Messrs. Alverson, Boyce, Couvillon, Ditto, Edwards, Kent, LeBlanc, Martin, Meredith, Montgomey, Pujo, Richardson, Rogers and Tete—14 votes.

For Mr. Laizer—Messrs. Bensel, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Eastin, Eldridge, Fagot, Fulda, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Higgins, Kelly, Lagroue, Lemarie, Roman, Stille, Scott and Solomon—18 votes.

For Mr. Morehead—Messrs. J. Anderson, Addison, Brown, Boyce, Buie and Ewing—6 votes.

For Mr. Maureau—Mr. Labranche—1 vote.

And there being no election, the House proceeded to the second ballot, the names of Messrs. Maureau and Ducote being withdrawn, with the following result :

For Mr. Halsey—Messrs. S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Blackman, Bailey, Bonnabel, Boyce, Cage, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Decker, Duralde, Duffel, Elam, Edwards, Fenner, Fishburn, Gates, Hanlon, Holt, Jonas, Leeds, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Richards, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Smith, Stille, Tucker and Walker—42 votes.

For Mr. Kerr—Messrs. Daigle, Dugas and Theriot—3 votes.

For Mr. Laizer—Messrs. Bensel, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Eustis, Eastin, Fagot, Fishburn, Gaisser, Henderson, Higgins, Kelly, Labranche, Lagroue, Demario, J. Phillips, Roman, Scott, Solomon, Thieneman, Voorhies, Wiltz and Waggaman—23 votes.

And there being no election, the House proceeded for a third ballot, the name of Mr. Morehead being withdrawn, with the following result :

For Mr. Halsey—Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Blackman, Bailey, Barry, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Cage, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Decker, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Elam, Ewing, Edwards, Fenner, Fishburn, Gates, Gantt, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Hatch, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas,

Kent, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Pujo, Richardson, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Smith, Stille, Theriot, Tucker and Whittington—65 votes.

For Mr. Laizer—Messrs. Bensel, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Delamore, Eustis, Fagot, Fulda, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Henderson, Higgins, Kelly, Labranche, Lagroue, Lamarie, J. Phillips, Roman, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Thieneman, Voorhies, Walker, Wiltz, and Waggaman—26 votes.

Mr. E. W. Halsey having received a majority of all the votes cast, was by the Speaker declared elected Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. DeLabarre moved to adjourn to 5 o'clock this evening.

Mr. Lagroue moved to amend by adjourning to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Which amendment was lost, and the question recurring upon the motion to adjourn to 5 o'clock this evening, was lost.

Mr. Halsey offered a resolution appointing a committee of three to report a set of rules for the government of the House, with instructions to report to-morrow morning.

Which was adopted.

And the Speaker appointed on said committee Messrs. Halsey, Elam and Jonas.

A motion to adjourn to 5½ o'clock p. m. was lost on a rising vote.

Mr. Tucker moved to proceed to the election of Sergeant-at-Arms.

Which was agreed to, and the following persons put in nomination:

J. H. Peralta, by Messrs. Couvillon and Decker. J. Murphy, by Messrs. Henderson, McConnell, Higgins, McKelvey, Hanlon, Fenner, Jonas, Bailey, Murray, Scanlan and McCloskey.

Mr. D. Terrebonne, by Messrs. Labranche, Rogers and LeBlanc.

Mr. Hernandez, by Messrs. Kelly, Wiltz and Fulda.

Philip Dunbar.

There being no further nomination, the House proceeded to ballot, with the following result :

For Mr. Peralta—Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Brown, Collins, Couvillon, Duralde, Elam, Freret, Fulda, Harrison, Holt, Lagroue, Meredith, McEnery, Pujo, Tucker, Voorhies and Waggaman—18 votes.

For Mr. Murphy—Messrs. Austin, Alverson, Addison, Blackman, Bailey, Bensel, Bonnabel, Buie, Delamore, Deporter, Duffel, Eustis, Fenner, Hanlon, Halsey, Henderson, Higgins, Jonas, Kent, Leeds, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McConnell, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, Richardson, Richards, Robinson, Scanlan, Simonds and Smith—36 votes.

For Mr. Terrebonne—Messrs. Cage, Davenport, Daigle, DeBlanc, Dugas, Edwards, Gaisser, Gantt, Hatch, Labranche, LeBlanc, Rogers, Seger, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Walker and Whittington—18 votes.

For Mr. Hernandez—Messrs. DeLabarre, Fagot, Fulda, Kelly, Solomon, Wiltz—6 votes.

For Mr. Dunbar—Messrs. Barry, Eastin, Gates, Hudspeth, Martin—5 votes.

And there being no election, the House proceeded to a second ballot, the names of Messrs. Hernandez and Dunbar being withdrawn, with the following result:

For Mr. Murphy—Messrs. Austin, Alverson, Addison, Blackman, Bailey, Bensel, Bonnabel, Buie, Davenport, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Duralde, Duffel, Eustis, Fenner, Freret, Gates, Gaisser, Hanlon, Halsey, Henderson, Higgins, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Leeds, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McConnell, McCloskey, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips Jas., Richardson, Richards, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Smith, Scott, Thieneman, Whittington and Waggaman—47 votes.

For Mr. Peralta—Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson S., Brown, Collins, Couvillon, Decker, Ditto, Eastin, Elam, Fishburn, Harrison, Holt, Lemarie, Martin, Meredith, McEnery, Montgomery, Pujo, Solomon, Tucker, Voorhies—21 votes.

For Mr. Terrebonne—Messrs. Cage, Daigle, Deblanc, Dugas, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fulda, Hatch, Labranche, Lagroue, LeBlanc, Rogers, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Walker and Wiltz—18 votes.

Mr. Murphy having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Tucker of St. Mary, Mr. J. W. Davis was elected by acclamation the Doorkeeper of the House.

Mr. Lemarie moved to adjourn to 6 o'clock this evening, which was amended by Mr. Nelligan to 11 o'clock to-morrow, which amendment was adopted by a rising vote of 43 ayes to 36 nays, and the House adjourned.

[Approved.]

C. B. SHEPHERD,
Acting Assistant Clerk.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
NEW ORLEANS, November 29, 1865. }

The House met at 11 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Hon. Duncan S. Cage, Speaker, and the following members: Hon. Messrs. S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Blackman, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Hal-

sey, Harrison, Hatch, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McGee, McCloskey, Montgomery, Moreland, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Powell, Pujo, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz and Waggaman—96 members.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Palmer.

The following Representatives appeared at the bar, were sworn and took their seats:

Hon. Messrs. Alfred Phillips and C. A. Eager, of the parish of Orleans; Hon. H. Reyeburg, of the parish of Union; Hon. H. A. Drew, of the parish of Claiborne; Hon. H. Y. Waddell, of the parish of Winn; Hon. W. F. Moreland, of the parish of Claiborne; Hon. W. D. M. Bruton, of the parish of Union; Hon. J. Kile, of the parish of Natchitoches; Hon. A. Sambola, of the parish of Orleans; Hon. L. Prudhomme, of the parish of Natchitoches, and Hon. J. A. Powell, of the parish of Bienville.

J. Murphy, Sergeant-at-Arms elect; E. W. Halsey, Assistant Clerk elect, appeared at the bar and were sworn by the Speaker.

On motion, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Hon. J. B. Elam presented the returns and credentials of Hon. J. R. Head, Representative elect from the parish of Bienville, and on motion by Mr. Elam, the credentials were received, and Mr. Head was sworn by the Speaker and took his seat.

On motion of Hon. S. Anderson, the House proceeded to the election of a Warrant Clerk.

Mr. Lipscomb nominated J. Pinckney Smith, and moved that he be elected by acclamation.

Objection being made, the following nominations were made:

J. Pinckney Smith, nominated by Messrs. J. Anderson, Lipscomb, Holt, Duralde, Elam, Murray, Alverson, Austin and Robinson.

James Wright was nominated by Mr. Kent.

R. D. Hubbard was nominated by Messrs. Gottschalk, Lemarie, Deblanc, Roman, DeLabarre, Fagot and Pujo.

The roll being called, the House proceeded to ballot, with the following result:

For J. P. Smith—Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Blackman, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Brown, Buie, Cage, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Deporter, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Ewing, Edwards, Fishburn, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Hatch, Head, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McGee, Montgomery, Moreland, Murray, Powell, Regenburb, Richardson, Rogers,

Robinson, Simonds, Smith, Stille, Theriot, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington and Waddell—67 votes.

For Mr. R. D. Hubbard—Messrs. Bonnel, Boyce, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fulda, Gottschalk, Jonas, Kelley, Labranche, Lagroue, Lemarie, McConnell, McCloskey, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, Alf. Phillips, Pujo, Roman, Sambola, Scanlan, Scott, Solomon, Tite, Thieneman and Wiltz—30 votes.

For James Wright—Mr. Kent—1 vote.

Whereupon the Speaker declared J. P. Smith duly elected Warrant Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Tucker joint resolution from the Senate, appointing joint committee to wait upon the Governor and to inform him of the organization of the General Assembly was taken up, the blank therein filled with the word "five," the resolution concurred in, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Voorhies, Boyce, Stille, Leblanc and Lagroue.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate that the House had organized by the election of Hon. D. S. Cage Speaker; Thos. L. Maxwell, Esq., Chief Clerk; and J. Murphy Sergeant-at-Arms, and was ready to receive communications from that body.

The Clerk was also directed to inform the Senate that the House had concurred in Senate joint resolution appointing a committee to wait upon the Governor, and to announce the members of the joint committee on the part of the House.

Messrs. Deporter and Fagot presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House invites the Senate to meet with it in joint session to-morrow, at 12 meridian, in order to proceed to the election of two Senators to the United States Senate, which goes into session on the 4th December, 1865.

LUVIN DEPORTER.
CHARLES R. FAGOT.

Which on motion of Mr. McConnell was laid on the table.

Mr. DeLabarre offered Joint Resolution No. 1, relative to State Printer, which was on motion amended by Mr. Elam and referred to the Committee on Public Printing.

Mr. Murray offered the following resolution: That the Speaker appoint eight boys for pages, and a Postmaster for the House, and on motion of Mr. Murray the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Halsey, on behalf of the Committee on Rules, presented the following

REPORT.

The undersigned committee, appointed for the purpose of submitting rules for the government of this House, beg leave to submit the following report:

Rules and orders of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, adopted by the

House of Representatives, of the State of Louisiana, at a session held in the city of Baton Rouge, in the year 1860, with the following alterations and amendments:

COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Claims to consist of nine members, instead of seven.

Committee on the Judiciary to consist of eleven members, instead of nine.

Committee on Militia to consist of eleven members, instead of nine.

Committee on Internal Improvements to consist of eleven members, instead of nine.

Committee on Banks and Banking to consist of nine members, instead of seven.

Committee on Amendments to the Constitution to consist of thirteen members instead of seven.

Committee on Enrollment to consist of nine members instead of seven.

Committee on Public Printing to consist of seven members instead of five.

Committee on Federal Relations to consist of nine members instead of seven.

Committee on Public Lands and Levees to be styled the "Committee on Public Works, Public Lands and Levees," and to consist of fifteen members instead of nine.

Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions to consist of seven members instead of five.

Committee on Commerce and Manufactures to consist of nine members instead of five.

The 43d rule to be struck out. The 44th rule to be numbered the 43d, the 45th the 44th, and so on.

The words "he shall keep the Bill Book in his own hand writing," to be struck out from rule 74.

[Signed] J. H. HALSEY, Chairman,
J. B. ELAM,
B. F. JONAS, Committee.

The report was received and adopted, and two hundred copies of the Rules of 1860, as amended by the report, were ordered to be printed for the use of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, it was

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms be required to place curtains to the windows on the southeast side of the Hall of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Freret presented a joint resolution relating to public buildings, which on motion of Mr. Fenner was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Walker presented a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee to take into consideration the present status of the freedmen of this State, which, on motion of Mr. DeLabarre, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McConnell presented joint resolutions, requiring the calling of a State Convention, which

were first made the special order of the day for Friday next, conditionally that the message of his Excellency, the Governor, should be previously presented to the House. The resolution was subsequently referred, with others on the same subject matter, to a special committee of nine Representatives.

Mr. Scanlan introduced the following entitled bill:

An act providing for a State Convention,
Which passed its first reading and was placed on the calander.

Mr. Fenner offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Chief Clerk of this House has received a communication from a person signing himself W. R. Fish, State Printer, of which the following is a copy:

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20, 1865.

Mr. Thomas L. Maxwell, Clerk of the House of Representatives, La.:

Sir—The undersigned begs leave to inform you that he has designated as the State Gazette the "True Delta" newspaper, to print and publish the official proceedings of the General Assembly of the State, until the third Monday of January, 1866, as provided by act No. 20, approved January 7th, 1865. Respectfully,

W. R. FISH,
State Printer.

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be instructed to pay no attention to said communication.

On motion of Mr. DeLabarre the whole subject was laid on the table.

Mr. Voorhies, on behalf of the Joint Committee appointed on the part of the House to wait upon the Governor, reported verbally that the Governor would communicate with the General Assembly in half an hour, through his private secretary, in writing.

On motion of Mr. DeLabarre the House took a recess until half past one o'clock.

At the expiration of the recess, the roll was called, and 94 members answered to their names.

A message was received from the Senate through O. Arroyo, Esq., Assistant Secretary, requesting the concurrence of the House in

JOINT RESOLUTION

For the appointment of a joint committee to prepare and report upon such laws necessary for the protection of the persons and property of the freedmen of this State, including their social relations towards each other; and

JOINT RESOLUTION

For the election of a State Printer.

A message was received from the Governor through his private Secretary, N. C. Sneethen, which was read, as follows:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
City Hall, New Orleans, Nov. 23, 1865. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

Anticipating the regular period fixed by law for the meeting of the General Assembly of the State, I have convened you in extraordinary session for the reasons—among others of great gravity and moment unenumerated—in my proclamation stated.

Nearly five years have elapsed since the whole people of Louisiana, through representatives lawfully elected by themselves, have assembled in council together; and during this afflicting and deplorable interregnum, alienations, discord and civil strife have prevailed.

It has pleased Almighty God to put a period to these divisions, and to restore the nation to peace and concord again.

Than the people of Louisiana, in times not remote, none were more honorably or chivalrously conspicuous and respected for their love of order, their attachment to liberty, their respect for law, their exalted punctiliousness in the discharge of every pecuniary obligation, their fidelity and devotion to national requirements; and again, in the recent election of State officers and members of the Legislature, every parish fully and fairly participating, new guarantees are given by them that their loyalty is renewed without a reservation, and that they accept with sincerity and frankness the new order of things as it has been determined by the arbitrament of the sword.

In fulfillment of the duties thus in good faith assumed, they have chosen delegates to represent them in the popular branch of the National Congress. Two Senators are yet to be chosen by the General Assembly, and as it is urgently desirable that the State should not be unrepresented in the higher any more than the lower branch of Congress on its assembling in December, your attention is earnestly directed to the providing in time for the deficiency in the Senatorial body.

The condition of the levees on the Mississippi river for hundreds of miles within our State, have naturally caused wide spread anxiety, and gloomy and painful apprehensions, while among the resident inhabitants upon the river banks, and within many miles of them, their ruinous and neglected state has produced a feeling of distress, discouragement and despondency, surpassing power of exaggeration. The inability to collect taxes or to negotiate a loan of sufficient amount, the treasury being without means also, I was not able to do more for their prospective relief than to take the proper initiatory steps of preparation to proceed with the work of effective reparation actively, the instant the funds required for the purpose could be obtained. This indispensable proceeding I look with entire confidence to your wisdom speedily to accomplish.

Intimately connected with this and every other public undertaking of any magnitude, if it be not, indeed, the very foundation of both public and individual prosperity is the credit of the State. For several years past, for reasons known, appreciated and now deplored by all, the interest on the State debt remained undischarged. No complaint or reproach, however, has ever reached me from any quarter in regard to this mortifying delinquency; and that there may not be, and that the fair fame and honor of Louisiana may not be tarnished, you will, I trust, at at early day, devise a suitable way for paying off all accrued interest without pressing too onerously or vexatiously by taxation on the struggling industry of the people.

In providing for the retirement and extinction of the matured coupons of interest on the public debt, the obtaining of means to meet and discharge promptly and punctually other matured pecuniary indebtedness, including the outlays for the levees, and to meet all the unpostponeable outlays demanded by present exigencies, I would, among other resources, direct your attention to the cotton purchased by W. H. Allen, lately exercising the functions of Governor at Shreveport, in

the name of the people of Louisiana. Of this cotton, as near as I can discover, there remain about six thousand bales, which, at prices now ruling, if it can be made available, would afford opportune and great immediate relief.

The swamp lands, also, which were donated to the State by Congress, to be sold for the exclusive purpose of creating a fund for building and maintaining our levee system are, it is thought, far from exhausted. You will examine whether they can, and to what extent, be made available immediately or prospectively, for the contemplated object.

It has occurred to me, if other measures more eligible cannot be devised by you for the purpose, that an issue of treasury warrants to the extent of a million of dollars might be authorized, without interest, pledging the public lands belonging to the State for their redemption, and making them receivable for taxes, other than licenses. These warrants, I think, could be sold in lots of fifty thousand dollars, at a depreciation, probably, of not more than twenty per cent., which would be more than reimbursed to the State in the labor contracts it will be compelled to make, and which, it will not be disputed, is most desirable should be discharged in current funds. I throw out these suggestions for your consideration merely, not doubting that the entire subject of providing ways and means for the public service will early engage your most serious attention.

In importance to the future prosperity of the commonwealth, almost vital is the question of labor. The legislation that will be required to secure to him who has it to sell, just protection and adequate remuneration; and to the capital which will buy it, absolute security and profit for its use, will be alike difficult and perplexing. From the creation of the world, no fixed relation has ever been established between capital and labor; nor has sage or statesmen ever foreshadowed a plan by which the differences which have always existed between them could be effectually reconciled. Enlightened opinion seems to have permanently settled into the conviction that the more directly and intimately connected labor and capital can be made, the fewer and lesser will be the obstacles to a good mutual understanding, and that the less legislation, or attempts other than legislative, to intervene between those who have labor to sell and those who have capital to buy it with, the better it will be for the parties immediately interested and society at large. In other words that it is true wisdom to give to each individual as much control over his own bargain as is, or may be, consistent with good faith and the public interests.

Corporal punishment being wholly inhibited by our laws, no recourse to it, under any circumstances, can be tolerated for the enforcement of labor contracts; neither, on the other hand, is it to be endured that persons who agree for stipulated wages to give full and honest labor service, shall capriciously, at evil instigation, or from dishonest design, abandon their employers, or take advantage of seed time or harvest, or any urgent emergency, to desert them and refuse to discharge those duties they had voluntarily bound themselves to perform. In my opinion, therefore, any laws you may, in the exercise of your wisdom and judgment enact, for the regulation of this most delicate relation, it would be well rather to aim at means of enforcing upon the contracting parties due respect for, and compliance with, their bargains or contracts, than to suggest or dictate what may be by others supposed the interest of either. Left to themselves to make their own bar-

gains, although doubtless some overreaching may occur, on the whole it will be found, I think, the only satisfactory and safe plan. The laborer has the right to take his services where they will be best appreciated, and no interference with him for so doing can be permitted by the laws.

Intimately connected with the labor system of the State, indeed now of the utmost importance in connection, if not identification therewith, is the encouragement of immigration. It is worthy of your mature consideration, whether some special encouragement may not be with propriety given to conciliate some portion of that perennial current of human labor which has hitherto set from the Eastern to the Western hemisphere, and been absorbed to the lasting benefit of the hitherto free sections of the Republic. Should present embarrassments render pecuniary assistance for the promotion of the object at the moment inexpedient, I would ask you to remove all impediments, at least, to free immigration, whether they exist as hospital taxes or in other injudicious discriminations. The establishment, by a solvent British company, of a line of first class steamships, to ply semi-monthly—or more frequently if the enterprise will pay—between Liverpool and New Orleans, presents an opportunity for opening up Louisiana to European immigration which I am of opinion we ought to strengthen and sustain. The Mayor of New Orleans, with his accustomed watchfulness and intelligence, where the interests of the city and State are involved, has, he informs me, communicated to the agent of the line of steamers referred to his official desire to give his company every facility possible in the harbor of New Orleans; and has offered to make a contingent contract with him to secure him suitable wharf accommodation, time being allowed for its submission to his principles for their approval and ratification. This proceeding, so considerate, expedient and wise, I have fully sanctioned and commended.

Information which I cannot doubt is given to me, that secret political associations, the members of which are bound to each other by strange oaths, and recognize each other by signs and passwords, are being revived in this city, with affiliations in the parishes throughout the State. I regard all such combinations and associations as dangerous to society, opposed to freedom, hostile to equal and just laws, enlightened progress and national unity. Whether sought to be revived with the intention to commence anew a wicked war upon our naturalized population and to repel immigrants, or to keep alive any smouldering element of disaffection that may exist to the national authority, or for both objects combined, I care not; I consider all persons in communion with them public enemies, and I invoke the needful legislation at your hands for their suppression and extirpation. I doubt not your readiness to respond worthily to my call upon you in reference to this matter.

Our public school system, outside the parish of Orleans, has been a miserable failure. Its impracticability within the State—with the exception stated—has been demonstrated. I would advise its abolition, and with it the superfluous office of Superintendent. I would also recommend that provision be made that all taxes for educational purposes levied upon colored people, be applied for the education of colored persons exclusively.

The condition of the State Seminary at Alexandria was so dilapidated that for its preservation I had to make loans, amounting to \$15,000, from the Citizens' and Canal Banks. The necessary papers upon this and other subjects of like character,

referred to by me, will be communicated to your honorable bodies.

The charitable institutions of the State, within and without the city of New Orleans, demand early consideration and prompt relief. New Orleans has never forfeited its just claims to pre-eminence in the work of benevolence, and its never-wearied or exhausted generosity demands prominent recognition at my hands. Louisiana will never be churlish in awarding to her children in her chief city, for this the highest meed of praise, nor deny to them the merit of faithful attachment to those principles which in all ages and climes have been regarded as the highest evidences of the most advanced civilization. It is only just and considerate to them that the heavy burden they have so long and honorably borne without a murmur, shall be diminished. To this end, suitable provision should be speedily made for the support of the charitable institutions, formerly in whole or in part maintained at the expense of the State.

It is not to be denied that much dissatisfaction exists with the judiciary of the State as at present constituted. Happily for this, the remedy is with the Legislature, and easy of application. It should be borne in mind that the field of selection for judicial station was limited, and the exceptional condition of public affairs when the present judicial appointments were made, had reduced it to the narrowest bounds; but no substantial injustice in consequence is complained of, and whatever changes may be required, can, as I have stated, be easily made.

It may, however, not be out of place to take into consideration whether or not the district judgeship system has been a success. In the opinion of many, who are competent to decide such questions, it was an error to abolish the parish Judge system, as it existed under the constitution of 1812, and to my diffident comprehension a return to that system will be as universally approved as seems to be the repudiation of an elective judiciary. If this be accepted as admitted, and I think it will not be disputed, the duties of Recorders could be performed by the clerks of courts, who, in turn, should be disqualified from the performance of judicial acts, unless in the absence of Judges. The election of Judges, Recorders, Clerks and Sheriffs, mainly, from personal or political feeling rather than capacity and fitness of the individual for the trust, has shaken public confidence in the administration of justice, besides rendering it expensive, tardy, and to the last degree uncertain. Bred to the vocation of agriculture, I cannot speak on this subject with technical familiarity, nor do I aim at doing so, contented if I can embody in clear and comprehensive recommendation the objections to the present system I know to exist, for your correction.

Provision will have to be made to rebuild the State Penitentiary, and to erect a State House. The former will require all needful dispatch. In selecting a site for the latter due regard should be paid to the locality. Crowded or ill-ventilated places should be avoided, and, if need be, a large and roomy space, capable of admitting the erection, in detached shape, of all the public buildings necessary for the State officers and archives, to be provided for suitably, should be obtained in the neighborhood of New Orleans. The thoroughfares and crowded streets of a great city are unsuited for such purposes.

It is scarcely required that I should dwell upon the urgency of an immediate and perfect organi-

zation of the militia of the State. This cannot with safety be deferred; for it is not compatible with the reconstruction policy of the Government to maintain armies in the States for the purposes of police. The reorganization of our State, which will be completely accomplished on the admission of our delegations to Congress, will, without question, be speedily followed by the abolition of martial law within our borders, and the withdrawal of all troops not required for garrison or fort purposes. That this may not happen before a State force can supply its place, you will, I am sure, fully guard.

I have endeavored without success to procure the transfer of the banks of New Orleans, now under military liquidation, from the control of the Commander of this Department to the civil power. The banks thus unaccountably circumstanced are the Bank of Louisiana, State Bank, Merchants', Union, Crescent City and Bank of New Orleans. Why the military usurped the authority to take possession of these banks and regulate their administration, any more than the reason for their continued retention of them, I have never been able to know or understand. As they stand in the relation to their creditors of insolvent institutions, I especially refer to them, so that you may take such action to have them administered in accordance with law and the just rights of all concerned, as circumstances will warrant.

The present condition of the New Orleans and Jackson and New Orleans and Opelousas Railroads inspires uneasiness. The former road was, unexpectedly to me, handed over by the military authority to the administration of a few men, who had conducted it after some fashion. They refuse to explain its affairs from the reoccupation of this city by the national forces until the relinquishment of the road by the Commanding General. Acting upon the suggestions of President Johnson, who considered it should be a step precedent to the delivery of the roads to the control of loyal directors chosen by the stockholders, the Mayor of New Orleans called for new elections by the stockholders of each company. His call was fully responded to, and directors of the highest respectability and reliability were chosen. The old directors of the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad, fearing accountability, or unwilling to relinquish their places, resisted the demand for a surrender of the control of the corporation and its affairs, and appealed to the laws to sustain them. They hold possession and give no account of their stewardship.

The large interest of the State in both of these important enterprises made it incumbent upon me to sustain the action of the Mayor of New Orleans in his exertions to have their true present state exposed for public information.

The New Orleans and Opelousas Railroad is still held and run by the military, who decline to relinquish it to the stockholders unless the Board of Directors release the Government from all reclamations on account of the enormous sums received by its officers since the road has been in their hands.

Donations of land made by Congress to the Opelousas road are likely to lapse from a failure of condition, if not attended to. Your early attention to the roads, and all connected with them, is much demanded.

Various public works, of greater or less importance, as well as the reparation of the levees, will have to be undertaken by the State. In connection with them, the creation of a Board of Public Works, or the adoption of some other way

for planning and supervising them, will be requisite. Experience will be a safe guide as to which plan, that of a Board or of a Chief Engineer, is more preferable.

No other legislative bodies that have ever before been convened in this State have been charged with the consideration of legislation embracing so many various and momentous subjects. Upon their enlightened, just and prompt settlement, everything affecting the well-being, happiness and prosperity of the people and State depends. Procrastination is ruin; postponement is death.

The faithful citizen, called by an all-wise and omniscient Providence to administer this powerful Government, watches with affectionate solicitude your proceedings. He lays great stress upon the course of Louisiana; is anxious she should take her true place in the Republic; has manifested by numerous kindnesses of manner and acts, his warm sympathy with us, and will be slow to believe that we will ever disappoint him. The people have already given him assurance of their true appreciation of his magnanimity. I invite you to unite with the Executive authority of the State in fresh evidences of similar character, so that the nation and the world may know that Louisiana is determined to stand or fall with Andrew Johnson and his policy of reconstructing their Government.

Many minor matters deserving consideration, I have omitted all reference to, having full faith that your zeal, assiduity, and earnest devotion will be given to every thing requiring attention.

Commending the State and all interests to your enlightened keeping, I invoke, with humility, the blessing of Almighty God for the Commonwealth, its servants, and the sovereign people.

J. MADISON WELLS.

On motion of Mr. Lagroue, the message was received, and 1000 copies in English and 500 copies in French ordered to be printed for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Elam, to refer the message in parts to appropriate committees, it was so ordered, but on subsequent motion of Mr. Bailey, this action was reconsidered.

The messages from the Senate were then taken up, and the joint resolution entitled

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for the appointment of a joint committee to prepare and report such laws necessary for the protection of the persons and property of the freedmen of this State, was, on motion of Mr. Elam, referred to the Judiciary Committee, and

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relative to the election of State Printer, was read and, on motion of Mr. Lagroue to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up the resolution for immediate action, it was not agreed to, and the resolutions were laid over under the rules.

On motion of Mr. McConnell the action of the House making the resolutions relative to a State Convention the special order of the day for Friday next, was reconsidered, and Mr. McConnell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee of _____ members of this House be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be to receive all resolutions

now before this House, or may hereafter be introduced on the subject of calling a Constitutional Convention, with instructions to consider the same and prepare a bill or resolutions on the subject, with as little delay as possible, which when presented shall be fixed as the order of the day to the exclusion of other business.

The blanks in which was, on motion of Mr. McConnell, filled with the word "nine," and, on further motion, the resolution was adopted, and the Speaker appointed on said committee Messrs. McConnell, Collins, Elam, DeLabarre, Tucker, Gates, Boyce, McEnery and Walker.

Mr. Thieneman offered joint resolution requesting the Governor to issue his proclamation, convening a State Convention, which was, on motion, referred to the before-mentioned special committee of nine.

Mr. Jonas offered the following joint resolution calling a State Convention, which was laid over under the rules, and subsequently referred to the special committee of nine.

On motion of Mr. Hanlon, the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, } New Orleans, Thursday, Nov. 30, 1865. }

The House met at 11 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment. The roll being called, the following representatives answered to their names:

Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker; Messrs. Anderson of Catahoula, Anderson of Madison, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bense, Blackman, Bonabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Dufel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaiser, Gantt, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips J., Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenburg, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Rodgers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz and Waddell—103 in number.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Beckwith.

Messrs. J. A. Snider, of the parish of Bossier; E. E. Kidd and W. B. McDonald, of the parish of Jackson; Geo. Williamson and L. M. Nutt, of the parish of Caddo; G. Laurent, of the parish of Vermillion, and J. C. Weeks, of the parish of Winn, presented their credentials as Representatives, and were sworn by the Speaker.

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Mr. Halsey presented the following resolutions :

WHEREAS, A special session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana was convened by his Excellency, J. Madison Wells, to assemble in the city of New Orleans, on the 23d day of the month of November, 1865 ; and

WHEREAS, The necessity of calling a special session of the Legislature has been cordially approved by the people of the State of Louisiana ; and

WHEREAS, The political and agricultural interests of the State of Louisiana require prompt and immediate action on the part of the general assembly, in the decision of questions affecting the people of the State at large ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, as the expression of the sense of this body, they deprecate any attempt made to adjourn without taking into consideration the vital and important questions for which they were called together, as being prejudicial in the highest degree to the interest of the State.

Resolved, That any attempt to call a new Convention adopting as a basis of representation in said Convention the same representation as now forms the basis for representation in the General Assembly of this State, is considered as approving a very important portion of the Constitution of 1864, and gives an unequal and preponderating representation and influence to that portion of the State of Louisiana that was alone represented in that body.

The resolutions were on motion referred to the special committee of nine on State Conventions and kindred subjects.

Mr. Jonas presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to inform the House of Representatives what secret political associations, dangerous to society, freedom and law, are referred to by him, as having existence in this city, with affiliations in the parishes throughout the State. And also, to furnish the House with the information, upon the authority of which he has called the attention of the Legislature to the subject.

Mr. Jonas announced that he accepted the joint resolutions of Mr. McEnery on the same subject matter as a substitute for his own resolutions.

The joint resolution of Mr. McEnery entitled "joint resolution relative to a portion of the Governor's Message," was taken up on its first reading. The resolution subsequently underwent its second and third readings, and was adopted.

Mr. Richardson presented resolutions entitled—

Joint resolutions relative to the Emancipation Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln,

Which were read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Voorhies moved that the Speaker appoint one additional Assistant Clerk, and four additional Pages.

Mr. Richardson moved that the motion of Mr. Voorhies be laid on the table, which was lost. The motion of Mr. Voorhies was carried.

Mr. Blackman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the event of calling of a Convention of the State, the representation therein be

upon the basis as established by the Constitution of 1852 and the apportionment thereunder.

The resolution was referred to the special committee of nine on State Convention.

Mr. Deporter presented a resolution entitled :

Joint resolution relative to the establishment of post offices throughout the State,

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

On motion of Mr. Stille it was

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a special committee to consist of five members, to whom the Governor's message shall be referred, with instructions to report to which particular committees the different portions of said message shall be committed, and to report their action to this House as soon as practicable.

Mr. Ewing presented a resolution entitled joint resolution to proceed to the election of United States Senators.

Mr. Deporter moved that the joint resolution be laid on the table.

Mr. Elam rose to a point of order, and cited 45th rule, showing that the motion to lay on the table a bill or resolution on its first reading could not be entertained.

The Speaker having declared the motion to lay on the table out of order, Mr. Deporter moved to reject the joint resolution ; on which motion to reject, Mr. Elam called for the yeas and nays. The vote being taken, resulted as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Bensel, Davenport, Deporter, Eustis, Fenner, Hanlon, Henderson, Jonas, Leeds, Lipscomb, McConnell, McCloskey, Moreland, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Regensburg, Robinson, Simonds and Smith—22.

Nays—Messrs. S. Anderson, J. Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Collins, Couvillon, Daigle, Deblanc, Delamore, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaiser, Gantt, Gottschalk, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Lamarie, LeBlanc, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, McGee, Montgomery, Nutt, J. Phillips, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Rodgers, Scanlan, Seger, Snider, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thicneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggener, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—84.

The motion to reject was lost.

On motion of Mr. Elam the rules were suspended, the joint resolution was put upon its second reading and referred to the special committee of nine on State Convention.

On motion of Mr. Halsey the Speaker appointed six additional members on the special committee on the State Convention, as follows :

Messrs. Fenner, Simonds, Williamson, Robinson, Gantt, Halsey.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, it was

Resolved, That the several officers appointed temporarily to effect a permanent organization of the House, be allowed the same compensation per diem for the time they have served, as the permanent officers received, to be paid on the warrant of the Speaker.

Mr. Eustis offered a joint resolution, entitled
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adjourning sine die after the passage of these resolutions.

Mr. Elam moved to refer the resolution to the select committee of fifteen on State Convention.

Mr. Gates moved to lay the subject on the table; which motion being lost, the motion to refer prevailed, and the resolution was referred accordingly.

On motion by Mr. DeLabarre, it was

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to supply members of this House with four of each of the daily city newspapers as they may designate.

Mr. Fagot offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The finances of the State are in such a critical position, and as it is the duty of this honorable body to redeem as much as possible the same,

Be it resolved, That a committee of five (5) members of the House be appointed to confer with a committee of — members of the Senate for the purpose of fixing the *per diem* of the officers and employees of the General Assembly.

Which was read and laid over under the rules.

Mr. McConnel offered the following bill:

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protesting against Hahn and Cutler, as Senators from Louisiana, and providing for the appointment of two Commissioners to proceed to Washington and lay the protest before the United States Senate.

Which was read and the rules being suspended was put upon its second reading and referred to the select special committee on the State Convention.

Mr. Walker presented a resolution relative to the Mexican Gulf Railroad, accompanied by a memorial, and the rules being suspended the resolution appointing a committee of five was adopted and the resolution and memorial referred to the said committee.

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The Senate joint resolution providing for the election of State Printer was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Duralde, was amended by inserting half-past 2 o'clock on Thursday instead of half-past 2 o'clock on Wednesday, and the resolution as amended concurred in, and the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, informed the Senate of the amendment and the concurrence of the House,

and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the amendment.

A message was received from the Senate through Oscar Arroyo, Esq., Assistant Secretary, announcing the concurrence of that body in House amendments to joint resolution providing for the election of State Printer.

Mr. Lemario presented

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Relative to the election of Parish Officers throughout the State, and the rules being suspended it was read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Elam introduced a bill entitled:

AN ACT

To suspend the assessment and collection of certain State taxes.

And on motion the rules were suspended, and the bill read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Head introduced

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Relative to the restoration of Louisiana to her political status in the Union.

Which were read twice and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

On motion of Mr. Thieneman, the House took a recess until 2½ o'clock P. M.

At 2½ o'clock the House assembled, and the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the approach of the Senate for the purpose of holding a joint session to elect a State Printer, whereupon they were admitted, and the Secretary of the Senate proceeded to call the roll of that body, when the following Senators answered to their names:

Hon. Victor Burthe, President of the Senate, and Messrs. Abney, Anderson, Armstrong, Bell, Berault, Barrow, Brown, Brownlee, Cooley, Duvignand, Egan, Ellis, Foute, Finney, Gibson, Gordon, Kavanaugh, Kelso, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Mohan, Munday, G. Newton, D. Newton, Palfrey, Purcell, Taylor, Welch, Wilcoxon and Wood—32 Senators.

The Clerk of the House then called the roll of the House, when the following members answered to their names:

Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Bonnell, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaiser, Gantt, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hendersen, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemaire, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell,

McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Alf. Phillips, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenburg, Richardson, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wagman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—106 members.

The President of the Senate declared the object of the joint session to be for the election of an official Printer, and nominations being then in order, Hon. J. M. Taylor, of East Baton Rouge, nominated J. O. Nixon, Esq., and Hon. T. C. Anderson, of St. Landry, nominated E. L. Jewell, Esq. There being no further nominations, the General Assembly proceeded to ballot, with the following result:

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For J. O. Nixon—Hon. Victor Burthe, President; and Hon. Messrs. Abney, Armstrong, Bereault, Brown, DuVigneaud, Egan, Ellis, Foute, Finney, Kavanaugh, Kelso, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Mohan, G. Newton, D. Newton, Palfrey, Taylor and Welch—21 votes.

For E. L. Jewell—Hon. Messrs. Anderson, Bell, Barrow, Brownlee, Cooley, Gibson, Gordon, Munday, Purcell, Wilcoxon and Wood—11 votes.

HOUSE.

For J. O. Nixon—Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker; and Hon. Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Collins, Davenport, Delamore; Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Eager, Elam, Ewing, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Higgins, Holt, Jonas, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Meredith, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, Moreland, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormand, Peterson, James Phillips of Orleans, Powell, Prudhomme, Regenburg, Richardson, Robinson, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Thieneman, Voorhies, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—75 votes.

For Mr. E. L. Jewell—Hon. Messrs. Barry, Bonabel, Couvillon, Daigle, Dugas, Eastin, Eustis, Edwards, Gaisser, Gantt, Henderson, Hudspeth, Kent, Laurent, Martin, McKelvey, McCloskey, Montgomery, Pujo, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Scanlan, Sambola, Scanlan, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Tucker, Walker, Whittington and Waggaman—32 votes.

RECAPITULATION.

For J. O. Nixon :

Senate.....	21 votes.
House.....	75 ..
Total.....	96 votes.

RECAPITULATION—(Continued.)

For E. L. Jewell :

Senate.....	11 votes.
House.....	32 ..
Total.....	43 votes.

Whereupon the President of the Senate declared J. O. Nixon, Esq., as duly elected State Printer.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson, the Senate then retired from the House.

On motion of Mr. DeLabarre, the House adjourned to morrow morning, at 12 o'clock m.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
New Orleans, December 1st, 1865. }

The House met at 12 m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Bonabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, Daigle, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Powell, Pujo, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Williamson, Waddell, Weeks—105 members.

Prayer by the Rev. Father Moynihan.

Messrs. W. H. Drake, of the parish of Tensas, and E. T. Lewis, of the parish of Rapides, presented their credentials as Representatives, and were sworn by the Speaker and took their seats.

The journal of November 3d was read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS.

Mr. Tucker offered

Joint resolution for joint session of the Senate and House, to count the votes cast at the last general election for State officers.

And, on motion, the rules were suspended and the joint resolution underwent its several readings and was adopted.

The Speaker announced the appointment of special committee on the memorial and resolution relative to the Mexican Gulf Railroad, Messrs. Walker, J. Phillips, Sambola and A. Phillips.

Mr. Lagroue offered the following:

Joint resolution requesting his Excellency, J. Madison Wells to recover the statue of George

Washington, removed by the Federal authorities from Baton Rouge.

And on motion, the rules were suspended, and it underwent its several readings and was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, the Committee on Printing were instructed to report a bill at the earliest period possible, having in view a reduction in the cost of State printing, and on motion the resolution was laid over under the rules.

Mr. Freret offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be requested to place outside of the railings a sufficient number of chairs for the accommodation of the public.

Which was laid over under the rules.

Mr. Duffel introduced a bill entitled an act to extend the limits of the corporation of Donaldsonville, together with a memorial, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

Mr. Fagot's resolution entitled

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Appointing a committee to confer with a like Committee of the Senate for the purpose of fixing the per diem of the employees of the General Assembly, was taken up on its second reading and passed to its third reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from Messrs. G. F. Weisse & Co., editors and proprietors of the New Orleans Bee, tendering for the use of the Special Joint Committee on Labor, official documents relative to the decrees, rules and regulations adopted in the French Colonies, under circumstances similar to those under which the State of Louisiana is now placed, by the emancipation of the slaves.

And on motion was accepted and referred to a special committee to be hereafter appointed.

Also, a communication from L. Tregri, of the parish of St. John the Baptist, asking the privilege of conferring with the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees.

Which, on motion, was referred to said Committee.

SENATE MESSAGES.

A message was received from the Senate through Oscar Arroyo, Esq., its Assistant Secretary, requesting the concurrence of the House in Senate bill, entitled,

Preamble and joint resolution relative to the national flag.

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

Also, requesting the concurrence of the House in Senate resolution entitled,

Resolution for the appointment of a joint committee in regard to cotton purchased by Henry W. Allen, lately acting Governor of Louisiana, at Shreveport, as mentioned in Governor Wells' Message.

Which was taken up, the blank filled with five, and the resolution, as amended, concurred in.

The Speaker appointed on said joint committee, Messrs. Head, Snider, S. Anderson, Elam and Moreland.

Also, Senate bill entitled "An act to provide for the payment of members, officers, and contingent expenses of the General Assembly."

Which was, on motion, taken up, and on motion of Mr. S. Anderson, the rules were suspended, requiring the House to go into Convention of the Whole on Appropriations.

Mr. Couvillon moved to amend by adding the word fifty after the word "hundred" in the eighth line, pending which motion Mr. McConnell moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Couvillon moved to lay the motion to refer on the table, and the yeas and nays being called by Messrs. Bailey and McConnell, resulted as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Barry, Blackman, Brown, Buie, Couvillon, Daigle, Drake, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Dugas, Eastin, Ewing, Edwards, Fishburn, Fulda, Gantt, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Holt, Hudspeth, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Lagroue, LeBlanc, Lewis, Martin, Meredith, McNery, McDonald, McGee, Moreland, Montgomery, Nutt, Powell, Pajo, Prudhomme, Richardson, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Snider, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—65 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Bruton, Davenport, Deblanc, Eustis, Fagot, Fenner, Gates, Gaiser, Hanlon, Halsey, Henderson, Higgins, Jonas, Labranche, Leeds, Lemarie, McConnell, McCloskey, Ormond, Peterson, Jas. Phillips, Alf. Phillips, Regenburg, Simonds, Smith, Thieneman—27 nays.

On motion of Mr. Scanlan, the amendment of Mr. Couvillon was laid on the table.

On motion, that the House concur in the bill of the Senate, the yeas and nays were called for, which resulted in the following vote :

Yeas—Messrs. S. Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Barry, Blackman, Bonabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Couvillon, Drake, Delamore, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Ewing, Edwards, Fenner, Fulda, Gates, Gantt, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Holt, Kent, Kelly, Kid, Kile, Lagroue, Laurent, Leblanc, Lewis, Martin, McNery, McDonald, Montgomery, Nutt, Powell, Pajo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richardson, Richards, Rogers, Roman, Scanlan, Snider, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—66 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Bailey, Bense, Davenport, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Eustis, Fagot, Fishburn, Gaiser, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey,

Henderson, Higgins, Jonas, Labranche, Leeds, Lemarie, Lipscomb, McConnell, McCloskey, Moreland, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Simonds and Thieneman—30 nays.

And the motion was carried.

Mr. Richardson moved that the rules be suspended, in order to put the bill on its final passage, on which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Richardson and Bailey. The vote being taken resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Barry, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Couvillon, Daigle, Drake, Delamore, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Ewing, Edwards, Fenner, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gantt, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Kent, Kelley, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Martin, McEnery, McDonald, McGee, Montgomery, Nelligan, A. Phillips, Powell, Pujo, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Scanlon, Snyder, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—69 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Bailey, Bensel, Davenport, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Eustis, Fagot, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Henderson, Jonas, Leeds, Lipscomb, McConnell, McCloskey, Moreland, Nutt, Ormond, Regensburg, Simonds and Thieneman—25 nays.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. DeLabarre, the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock m.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,

Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
New Orleans, Saturday, Dec. 2, 1865. }

The House met at 12 m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Bensel, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Drake, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Elam, Eustis, Edwards, Fagot, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Gottschalk, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, James Phillips, Alf. Phillips, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman,

Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman and Weeks—103 members.

On motion by Mr. Moreland, the journal was corrected by changing his vote from yea to nay, on the motion to concur in the Senate bill entitled an act to provide for the payment of members, officers, and contingent expenses of the General Assembly.

The journal, as corrected, was read and approved.

The following appointments were announced by the Speaker:

Geo. B. Shepherd as Assistant Clerk, in accordance with a resolution of the House, adopted Nov. 30, 1865.

Postmaster—A. Lange.

Messengers—David Laux, Robert Fisher, W. T. Foley, Jno. Farrell.

Pages—L. E. Daniel, J. Childres, Preston Pullen, James Habart, Robert Montgomery, William Gannon, E. A. Patterson, H. Terrebbonne.

The oath of office was administered to Geo. B. Shepherd, Esq., as Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Messrs. G. W. Eldridge of the parish of De Soto, and J. G. Hays of the parish of St. Landry, presented their credentials as Representatives, were sworn and took their seats.

A message was received from the Senate, through O. Arroyo, Assistant Secretary, asking the concurrence of the House in a joint resolution providing for a joint session for the purpose of counting the votes cast on the 6th November, 1865, for Governor and other State officers.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, the rules being suspended, the resolution was concurred in.

The Senate also requested the return of the Senate bill, entitled:

An act to provide for the payment of members, officers and contingent expenses of the General Assembly, which, on motion, was returned, in accordance with said request.

The same bill was subsequently returned from the Senate, and the concurrence of the House therein, was again asked.

Mr. Stille moved a suspension of the rules in order that the bill might be taken up on its second reading. The House refused to suspend the rules.

The concurrence of the House was also asked in a joint resolution fixing Monday, December 4th, at half-past 2 o'clock p. m., as the time for holding a joint session of both houses of the General Assembly for the purpose of electing United States Senators.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Thieneman offered resolutions, entitled preamble and resolutions declaratory of the policy and duty of the present Legislature of Louisiana.

The rules being suspended, the resolutions were referred to the Special Committee of Fifteen on State Convention.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Montgomery introduced a bill, entitled an act to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Criminal Matters;

Which, on his motion, was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, a suspension of the rules being first obtained.

Mr. LeBlanc introduced a bill, entitled an act amending an act entitled an act supplementary to the acts incorporating the Town of Thibodeaux. Approved May 29th, 1846.

On the rules being suspended, the bill was read twice and referred to a Special Committee to consist of the Representatives from the parish of Lafourche.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Appointing a joint committee to fix the per diem of the employes of the General Assembly, being on its third reading, was taken up in due course, and, on motion of Mr. Fagot, the action by which the House had ordered the resolution to be engrossed for its third reading, was reconsidered, and, on motion of Mr. Fagot, was amended by adding after the word "possible" in the fourth line of the preamble, the words "the expenses of the," and the resolution was then read the third time and adopted.

A message was received from the Senate, through Oscar Arroyo, Esq., Assistant Secretary, requesting the concurrence of the House in joint resolutions relative to Federal Relations, and, on motion of Mr. Moreland, the rules were suspended and the resolutions read a second time, and, on further motion of Mr. McConnell, the rules were further suspended and the bill put upon its third reading, and, on motion of Mr. Voorhies, the House unanimously concurred therein by acclamation.

On motion of Mr. Brown, leave of absence was granted Mr. Duffel for three days.

On motion of Mr. Halsey, it was

Resolved, That the members of the House be entitled to four daily papers or their equivalent in weeklies, to be selected by them, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, the same to be furnished by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Postmaster.

On motion of Mr. Elam, the

Senate bill entitled joint resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to prepare and report such laws necessary for the protection of the persons and property of the freedmen of the State, including their social social relations to each other, was withdrawn from the files of the Judiciary Committee, to which it had been referred, and the rules being suspended it was put upon its third reading, after first being amended on motion of Mr. Jonas, by striking out all that part of the res-

olution which authorizes the committee to sit during the recess, and the blank therein filled by the word fifteen, and the resolution as amended, on motion of Mr. Scanlan, concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Elam House Bill No. 3, entitled joint resolution appointing joint committee to take into consideration the present law relative to the present status of freedmen of this State, and to report such laws as may be necessary to make their labor available for agricultural purposes, was withdrawn from the files of the Judiciary Committee, to which it had been referred, and on motion of Mr. Walker, was referred to the joint special committee provided for in the Senate bill last above mentioned on the same subject matter.

The following resolution, on second reading, was taken up in due course, and on motion was read a third time and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to report a bill at the earliest period possible, having in view a reduction in cost of State printing.

The Speaker laid before the House a memorial from Mrs. L. E. L. A. Lawson, asking for relief, which, on motion of Mr. Scanlan, was referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

On motion of Mr. DeLabarre, the House took a recess until 2½ o'clock P. M., and the Sergeant-at-arms was directed to prepare the Hall for the reception of the Senate.

JOINT SESSION.

The House reassembled at 2½ o'clock, and the Sergeant-at-arms announced the approach of the Senate, and that body entered and took the seats prepared for them in the Hall. Hon. G. W. Munday, President pro tem. in the Chair. The President pro tem. directed the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll of the Senate, and the following Senators answered to their names: Hon. G. W. Munday, President pro tem., and the Hon. Messrs. Abney, Anderson, Armstrong, Bell, Barrow, Brown, Brownlee, Cooley, DuVignaud, Ellis, Foute, Gibson, Kelso, Lott, Mohan, G. Newton, D. Newton, Palfrey, Purcell and Welch—21 Senators.

The Speaker of the House directed the Clerk to call the roll of the House, when the following members answered to their names:

Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker; and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Bense, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Drake, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Drew, Duralde, Dugas, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Edwards, Fagot, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaiser, Gottschalk, Halsey, Harrison, Hatch, Higgins, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kille, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, Pujo,

Prudhomme, Richardson, Richards, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Snider, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Wagaman, Williamson, Waddell—78 Representatives.

The President announced that the object of the joint session was to count the votes for State officers cast at the election held Nov. 6th, 1865, according to the returns made to the office of the Secretary of State, and appointed as tellers on the part of the Senate Messrs. Lott, Anderson and Kelso, and the Speaker appointed as tellers on the part of the House, Messrs. Voorhies, Robinson and Thieneman, who, thereupon, proceeded to count the vote in presence of the General Assembly; and after counting the same, made the following report:

We, the undersigned tellers on the part of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, appointed to examine and compare the returns made by the different parishes of this State, at the election held on the 6th day of November, A. D. 1865, for State officers, beg leave to report as follows, to-wit:

For Governor—

J. Madison Wells.....22,312 votes.
H. W. Allen.....5,497 ..

For Lieutenant Governor—

Albert Voorhies.....23,664 ..
J. G. Taliaferro.....5,302 ..

For Secretary of State—

J. Hamilton Hardy.....20,869 ..
T. J. Edwards.....4,181 ..
M. Estes.....1,944 ..

For State Treasurer—

Adam Giffen.....21,667 ..
J. T. Michel.....3,773 ..
C. M. Olivier..... ..
S. D. Olivier.....1,447 ..

For Attorney General—

Andrew S. Herron.....22,966 ..
George S. Lacey.....4,384 ..
Isaac E. Morse..... ..

For Auditor of Public Accounts—

Hypolite Peralta.....22,339 ..
C. M. Olivier.....3,560 ..

Superintendent of Public Education—

R. M. Lusher.....22,006 ..
R. C. Richardson.....3,663 ..

H. R. LOTT,
Chairman Senate Committee.
B. P. VOORHIES,
Chairman House Committee.

Whereupon J. Madison Wells, having obtained a majority of the votes cast, was proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Senate duly elected Governor of the State of Louisiana for the constitutional term of four years.

And Albert Voorhies, having obtained a majority of the votes cast, was proclaimed duly elected

Lieutenant Governor for the constitutional term of four years.

And J. Hamilton Hardy, having obtained a majority of votes cast, was proclaimed duly elected Secretary of State for the constitutional term of four years.

And Adam Giffen, having obtained a majority of the votes cast, was proclaimed duly elected State Treasurer for the constitutional term of four years.

And Andrew S. Herron, having obtained a majority of the votes cast, was proclaimed duly elected Attorney General for the constitutional term of four years.

And Hypolite Peralta, having obtained a majority of the votes cast, was proclaimed duly elected Auditor of Public Accounts for the constitutional term of four years.

And Robert M. Lusher, having obtained a majority of the votes cast, was proclaimed duly elected Superintendent of Public Education for the constitutional term of four years.

On motion of Mr. Gordon the Senate retired to its chamber.

On motion of Mr. Duralde it was—

Resolved, That a committee of three members of the House of Representatives be appointed to meet a like committee on the part of the Senate, to make such preparations as may be necessary for the inauguration of James Madison Wells, Governor elect of the State of Louisiana.

And the Speaker appointed on said committee, Messrs. Duralde, Murray and Voorhies.

On the resolution of Mr. Stille, adopted Nov. 30th, 1865, requiring a special committee of five Representatives to consider and report the proper reference of the several subjects of the Governor's message, the Speaker appointed the following committee: Messrs. Stille, Tucker, Simonds, Bailey and Boyce.

On motion of Mr. Duralde, the House adjourned to Monday morning, at 11 o'clock.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Monday, December 4th, 1865. }

The House met at 11 A. M.

Present, the Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Drake, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Gottschalk, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, Mc-

Connell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—106 Representatives.

The Journal of Saturday, Dec. 2d, was read and approved.

The Speaker announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES

under the rules of the House, adopted November 28th, 1865 :

On Elections—H. A. Drew Chairman, F. C. Ewing, J. Ryan, F. Martin, Charles Roman, C. C. Meredith, W. B. McDonald.

On Claims—F. L. Gates Chairman, W. F. Moreland, E. Rogers, J. Delamore, J. Kelley, A. Pujo, J. A. Snider, J. Ormond, M. Richardson.

On Finance—H. Boyce Chairman, G. A. Freret, A. W. Walker, S. Anderson, A. B. Seger, C. T. Lagroue, J. V. Duralde, J. R. Head, Charles Roman.

On Judiciary—J. B. Elam Chairman, L. E. Simonds, L. M. Nutt, John McEnery, B. F. Jonas, J. W. Addison, J. H. Collins, A. L. Tucker, E. T. Lewis, J. B. Eustis, A. Sambola.

On Contingent Expenses—P. S. Wiltz Chairman. L. E. Lemaire, D. P. Scanlan, H. McCloskey, P. B. McKelvey, Amos Kent, J. P. Higgins.

On the Militia—E. Waggaman Chairman, George Williamson, J. G. Hays, W. F. Blackman, J. B. Eustis, D. Buie, J. Nelligan, C. E. Fenner, W. L. Ditto, C. R. Fagot, J. B. Whittington.

On Public Education—H. Regenburg Chairman, N. Richards, H. W. Drake, C. C. Meredith, H. A. Drew, N. E. Bailey, J. A. Kile, J. W. Addison, W. F. Moreland.

On Revival of Unfinished Business—R. B. Stille Chairman, J. M. Edwards, J. C. Weeks, E. Gantt, J. Solomon, C. R. Fagot, J. McGee, J. Kelly, W. L. Ditto.

On Enrollment—S. P. DeLabarre Chairman, P. S. Wiltz, F. Daigle, Alf. Phillips, A. A. Lipscomb, C. Deblanc, E. E. LeBlanc, R. T. Eastin, F. A. Tete.

On Commerce and Manufactures—B. P. Voorhies Chairman, T. F. Thieneman, N. E. Bailey, H. Bonnabel, D. J. Gaisser, C. J. Leeds, L. Deporter, W. D. M. Bruton, J. Henderson.

On Agriculture—G. W. Eldridge Chairman, J. Anderson, G. Couvillon, J. T. Hatch, J. A. Powell, J. C. Barry, C. Davenport, W. B. McDonald, B. S. Labranche.

On Public Printing—J. E. Austin Chairman, J. Delamore, J. P. Higgins, E. W. Alverson, E. G. Gottschalk, N. T. N. Robinson, E. E. Kidd.

On Public Buildings—N. Richards Chairman, C. A. Eager, J. Ormond, J. Holt, H. McCloskey, L. Prudhomme, W. Smith.

On Parochial Affairs—E. Gantt Chairman, F. A. Tete, J. B. L. Dugas, J. M. Edwards, T. J. Decker, F. Theriot, G. Couvillon.

On the Penitentiary—J. Holt, Chairman, H. S. Brown, P. Fishburn, Amos Kent, J. C. Barry, J. H. Collins, J. C. Weeks, P. M. Peterson, J. McGee.

On Federal Relations—Geo. Williamson, Chairman, G. W. Eldridge, J. E. Austin, J. McConnell, E. T. Lewis, T. P. Harrison, E. E. Kidd, J. B. Elam, Alf. Phillips.

On Public Works, Lands and Levees—J. V. Duralde Chairman, S. Anderson, H. W. Drake, J. H. Halsey, H. L. Duffel, C. Davenport, T. J. Decker, A. L. Tucker, F. F. Montgomery, — Green, H. S. Brown, F. C. Ewing, E. Waggaman, A. W. Walker, J. T. Hanlon.

On Charitable and Public Institutions—T. Murray Chairman, P. Fishburn, W. Smith, Jas. Phillips, E. W. Alverson, H. Bense, J. Fulda.

On Amendments to the Constitution—J. McConnell Chairman, H. L. Duffel, F. L. Gates, G. W. Hudspeth, W. T. Scott, J. B. Whittington, H. Regenberg, C. E. Fenner, J. H. Halsey, F. F. Montgomery, J. Solomon, H. S. Waddell, George Williamson.

On Public Library—J. A. Kile Chairman, B. S. Labranche, C. A. Eager, F. A. Tete, T. P. Harrison.

On Propositions and Grievances—L. E. Simonds Chairman, F. Daigle, A. A. Lipscomb, W. D. M. Bruton, H. S. Waddell, H. Bonnabel, M. Richardson.

On Internal Improvement—J. McEnery Chairman, H. Boyce, G. Laurent, R. B. Stille, W. T. Scott, J. A. Powell, D. Buie, James Phillips, J. A. Snider, W. F. Blackman, L. Prudhomme.

On Banks and Banking—N. T. N. Robinson Chairman, A. B. Seger, L. E. Lemarie, L. M. Nutt, E. G. Gottschalk, J. R. Head, C. J. Leeds, B. P. Voorhies, B. F. Jonas.

The Speaker also announced the appointment of the following Representatives as members of a joint committee provided for by a joint resolution for fixing the pay of employees of the General Assembly, to-wit :

Messrs. Fagot, Wiltz, Scott, Tucker and Waddell.

He also announced the appointment of the following Representatives as members on the part of the House of the special joint committee provided for by a joint resolution of the General Assembly, entitled,

Joint resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to prepare and report such laws necessary for the protection of the persons and property of the freedmen of this State, including their social relations towards each other :

Messrs. L. M. Nutt, S. Anderson, H. Boyce, J. V. Duralde, T. C. Ewing, J. P. Harrison, D. Buie, Ch. Roman, C. Davenport, W. L. Ditto, G. W. Eldridge, J. R. Head, W. F. Moreland, T. J. Decker, and John McEnery.

Mr. J. McConnell, Chairman of the special committee of fifteen on State Convention, etc., reported on behalf of said committee by bill entitled:

Joint resolutions protesting against the reception by the United States Senate of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler as Senators from Louisiana.

The bill underwent its several readings, a suspension of the rules being first obtained, was adopted, and sent immediately to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate joint resolution fixing the time for the election by the General Assembly of United States Senators, was taken up on its second reading, and referred to the special committee of fifteen on State Convention, etc.

Senate bill entitled: "an act to provide for the payment of members, officers and contingent expenses of the General Assembly, was taken up on its second reading in regular order.

Mr. Bailey moved to amend by striking out the words "one hundred" and inserting "twenty-five."

Mr. Lagroue moved to lay the amendment of Mr. Bailey on the table, on which motion Mr. Bailey called for the yeas and nays, which resulted:

Yeas—Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Daigle, Drake, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Drew, Ditto, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Edwards, Fagot, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gantt, Gottschalk, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Holt, Huds-peth, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, Leblanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, McGee, Montgomery, Nutt, Ormond, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Roman, Robinson, Seger, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—79.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Blackman, Davenport, Fenner, Gaisser, Henderson, Jonas, McCloskey, Moreland, Nelligan, Peterson, Phillips, Scanlan and Simonds—14.

So the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Kile moved to amend by inserting the words "and twenty-five" after the word "hundred," which motion to amend was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. McCloskey.

Mr. Scanlan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance, which motion was lost.

Mr. McCloskey moved to amend by inserting the word "fifty," instead of "one hundred," which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Elam, the rules requiring the House to go into a Committee of the Whole House, on appropriations, were suspended.

On motion of Mr. Lagroue, the rules were further suspended, with the view of putting the bill on its third reading. It was then read a third time, and passed.

SENATE MESSAGES.

A message was received from the Senate through Mr. O. Arroyo, Assistant Secretary, requesting the signature of the Speaker to Senate enrolled

Joint resolutions relative to Federal Relations, the House amendment having been concurred in by the Senate.

And announcing that the Senate had concurred in Joint resolution requesting his Excellency J. Madison Wells to recover the statue of Geo. Washington, removed by the Federal authorities from Baton Rouge; and

Joint resolution relative to that portion of the Governor's Message relative to secret societies.

Also announcing that the Senate had concurred in House amendment to

Joint resolution for the committee to prepare and report such laws necessary for the protection of the persons and property of the freedmen of the State, including their social relation towards each other.

And requesting the signature of the Speaker to Senate enrolled bill entitled

An act to provide for the payment of the members, officers and contingent expenses of the General Assembly.

Which was signed and returned to the Senate.

The committee appointed on the part of the House to wait upon the Governor elect made the following report:

The committee appointed on the part of the House to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate to wait upon His Excellency the Governor of Louisiana and ascertain from him at what time to-day he would meet this body to be inaugurated, beg leave to report that they have waited upon the Governor, and that he will be in the Senate Chamber, with the Chief Justice, to meet both Houses in joint assembly for that purpose at 3 o'clock to day.

(Signed) J. V. DURALDE,
Chairman.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named representatives, without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills, which underwent the first and second readings and were referred, as follows:

By Mr. Austin—

An act for the relief of tax payers—to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Kent—

An act to incorporate the town of Tangipahou, in the parish of St. Helena—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Scott—

An act for the relief of tax payers—to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Thieneman—

Joint resolution for the relief of Hon. Joachim Bermudez—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Sambola—

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the suits, judgments and business of the United States Provisional Court for the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes, approved March 24th, 1865—to the Committee on Judiciary.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were offered and disposed of as hereinafter mentioned :

By Mr. Deporter—

Resolution appointing a special committee to take into consideration the subject of inundations, which, the rules being suspended, underwent its several readings, and, on motion to adopt, was lost.

Mr. Bailey offered the following, which was read and laid over :

Resolved, That the Finance Committee of this House be directed to lay before this House, at the earliest period possible, a statement setting forth the condition of the finances of the State, showing the indebtedness of the State whether as bonds or floating debt; also, the probable current expenses and the probable receipts, whether from taxation or otherwise.

On motion, the House took a recess until 2½ o'clock p. m.

The House reassembled at 2½ o'clock, and, on motion of Mr. S. Anderson, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The House, on motion of Mr. Elam, took an informal recess, the members being requested not to leave the bar of the House.

At 3½ o'clock the Speaker called the House to order, and on motion the special committee appointed to wait upon the Governor were directed to proceed to the Senate and inquire if any further communication had been received from his Excellency Gov. Wells.

The committee reported that they had made inquiries as directed, and that the Senate would send, in a few minutes, a message upon that subject, which they were then preparing.

After a lapse of a few minutes a message was received from the Senate, through H. B. Kelly, Esq., Secretary, announcing the adoption by that body of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House that owing to the following communication received from the Governor, which has been received and spread upon the journal of the Senate, the Senate will not meet the House to-day,

at 3 o'clock p. m., to witness the installation of Gov. Wells.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
New Orleans, Dec. 4, 1865. }

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

I most respectfully inform the General Assembly that I have this day taken and subscribed my oath of office as Governor elect of the State, and owing to the state of my health, trust that I will be excused from appearing before the General Assembly to go through the ceremony of public installation into office as arranged by them.

J. MADISON WELLS,
Governor of Louisiana.

The foregoing resolution and communication were, on motion of Mr. Addison, received and ordered to be spread upon the journal.

On motion of Mr. Kile the House adjourned to to-morrow at 12 m.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Tuesday, December 5, 1865. }

The House met at 12 m.

Present, the Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Blackman, Brown, Bonabel, Boyce, Buie, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Halsey, Harrison, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Lemarie, Leblanc, Lewis, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Powell, Pujot, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson and Waddell—98 Representatives.

Prayer by the Rev. Father Chalons.

The journal of Monday was read and approved.

Mr. DeLabarre, on behalf of the House Committee on Enrollment, reported as follows:

The Joint Committee on Enrollment have the honor to report that the following gentlemen have been elected Chief Clerk and Clerks of the Enrolling Room, to-wit:

For Chief Clerk—R. J. Preaux.

Clerks—E. Desdunes, Jas. Corwin, E. S. Ogden, T. E. Warner, Z. J. Ducote, T. H. Cummings, F. Garrett, J. Cooper, J. J. Gutierrez, J. M. Wright, F. J. Laizer, E. Martin, J. D. Delacroix, M. George.

O. Commeau, C. W. White, P. P. Briant, S. D. McNeil, Louis Powers, M. Dodart.

Respectfully submitted.

A. A. ABNEY,
Chairman Senate Committee.
S. P. DELABARRE,
Chairman House Committee.

The report was accepted and approved, and on motion of Mr. DeLabarre, the above named clerks were called to the Speaker's desk and were duly sworn.

Mr. McConnell, Chairman of the Special Committee of Fifteen, reported on behalf of the majority of said committee, by bill, entitled

An act to take the sense of the people on the expediency of calling a Convention, to form a Constitution and to provide for the election of delegates, and for the holding of the Convention.

And moved that the bill be made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

Pending which motion, Mr. Elam obtained leave to present the following report by a minority of the aforesaid special committee, which was read, as follows:

The undersigned, members of the Special Committee of Fifteen, to whom was referred the bill entitled, "an act providing for a State Convention," introduced by Mr. Scanlan, from the parish of Orleans, and the several other propositions on the same subject, beg leave to submit a minority report.

They have been unable to agree to the report submitted by the majority of said committee for the following reasons, viz:

1st. That they regard the Constitution of 1864 as binding on the people of the State, as one of the results of the conquest of the State of Louisiana by the armed forces of the United States of America.

2d. That the recognition of the State authorities, elected under the Constitution of 1864, by the President of the United States, his maintenance of them in their functions, and refusal to appoint a Provisional Governor and other State officers, as he has done in other Southern States, clearly demonstrates that he considers the present State organization as the most proper and legitimate one, under which our State can present herself and claim recognition as a member of the Federal Union, and consequently entitled to all the rights of a State Government, and the guaranties under the Constitution of the United States; that he considers the Ordinance of Secession, passed by the people of the State in Convention on the 26th day of January, 1861, repealed by the said Constitution of 1864, and all other laws and ordinances of the State inconsistent therewith.

3d. That the 147th article of the Constitution of 1864 provides for its own amendment by propositions agreed to by a majority of the members elect

to each House, submitted to the people at an election ordered by them, after thirty days publication, at a trifling cost to the State; whereas, a Convention as proposed to be called by the majority of your committee would not expedite the necessary changes in the Constitution, and would involve a cost of two or three hundred thousand dollars.

4th. That said Constitution being binding and obligatory, for the reasons aforesaid, and susceptible of speedy and cheap amendment, and it appearing manifest that it is acceptable to the Government at Washington, the undersigned see no necessity for calling a Convention at this time; but if such should be the sense of this General Assembly, then they recommend that the calling of a Convention be postponed until their meeting on the first Monday in January, 1866, because it is probable that the action of both Houses of the Federal Congress, on the question as to the admission of the Senators and Representatives from the Southern States, will have been ascertained by that time, which might materially and justly influence our action on this subject.

J. B. ELAM,
A. W. WALKER,
H. BOYCE,
FRED. GATES,
ELBERT GANTT,
J. HUNTER COLLINS.

SEPARATE REPORT.

I concur in the report presented by the minority of the committee, except that I think we should defer action on the subject of calling a Convention until the regular meeting of the Legislature in January next, with the view of ascertaining what action Congress and the Government at Washington will take relative to the admission of our representatives, and the recognition of the rights of the State; which action by Congress might justly influence our views on this important subject.

J. HUNTER COLLINS.

Mr. Voorhies moved to amend the motion of Mr. McConnell, by adding a provision for printing the bill for the use of the House.

Mr. Elam moved to amend further, by providing that the minority report shall also be printed, and that the bill be made the special order of the day for Friday, December 8, at 1 o'clock P. M., and the motion as amended was carried.

Mr. Richardson moved that 500 copies of the bill and report be printed. Lost.

Mr. McConnell moved that 450 copies be printed. Carried.

Mr. Bensel moved that 100 additional copies in German be printed. Lost.

Mr. Walker moved that 250 additional copies in French be printed. Carried.

Mr. Walker, Chairman of the Committee on the Mexican Gulf Railroad, asked leave, on behalf of

said Committee, to appoint and employ a clerk. Leave was granted.

On his request, authority was also granted to that Committee to send for persons and papers.

Mr. LeBlanc, on behalf of the delegation to the parish of Lafourche, constituting a special committee, reported as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
New Orleans, Dec. 5, 1865. }

To the Hon. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Gentlemen—The Representatives of the parish of Lafourche, composing the special committee to whom was referred an act amending an act entitled "an act supplementary to the acts incorporating the town of Thibodaux," approved May 29, 1846, would most respectfully, (through their Chairman,) report, that such an act is necessary, and would be conducive to the good government of said town, and, therefore, recommend the passage of said act. Very respectfully,

EMILE E. LEBLANC, Chairman.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

A message was received from the Senate through Oscar Arroyo, Esq., its Assistant Secretary, requesting the concurrence of the House in a resolution entitled,

Resolution for the appointment of a special joint committee of both Houses to select a site for the erection of a State House as recommended by the Governor, and informing the House that the Senate had appointed on said committee Messrs. Gordon, Newton of Jackson, and Burthe.

Also informing the House that the Senate had concurred in House bill entitled,

Joint resolution protesting against the reception by the United States Senate of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler as Senators from Louisiana.

And in House joint resolution entitled,

Joint resolution appointing a committee to confer with a committee of the Senate for the purpose of fixing the *per diem* of the General Assembly.

Having filled the blank in the same with the word three and appointed Messrs. Mohan, Taylor and Ellis as members of the said committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Elam presented a memorial entitled:

Memorial of a committee on behalf of the Board of Levee Commissioners for the State of Louisiana, organized and appointed provisionally by His Excellency James Madison Wells, Governor of the State of Louisiana, in relation to levees on the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

On his motion, the memorial was referred to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, and 250 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Elam, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary asked that said committee have leave to employ a clerk. Leave was granted.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named Representatives, without previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills and a suspension of the rules being granted, they were read twice and referred as follows:

By Mr. Snider—

An act to punish in certain cases the employment of laborers or servants—to the Special Committee on Freedmen and Labor.

By Mr. Couvillon—

An act to amend the seventh section of an act entitled, "an act to establish a ferry across the Atchafalaya at Simmsport, approved March 4th, 1861," and to restore to Robinson Jenkins & Co. all the rights and privileges belonging to them by virtue of said act. Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs, with the accompanying memorial of Robinson Jenkins & Co.

By Mr. Tete—

An act to regulate contracts with and the labor of freedmen. Referred to the Special Committee on Freedmen and Labor.

By Mr. Fishburn—

An act to compel persons residing in the vicinity of Port Hudson, east of the Mississippi river, to keep their horses, mules, neat cattle and other live stock within enclosures. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Drew—

An act to suspend judicial proceedings in certain cases. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Williamson—

Joint resolutions in regard to the encouragement of emigration. Referred to the Special Committee on Freedmen and Labor.

By Mr. Thieneman—

An act establishing and defining the status of the former slaves of Louisiana, now known as freedmen; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Jonas, an act to regulate the collection of licenses on trades, professions and occupations within this State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Lemarie, joint resolution ordering the election of all municipal officers of the city of New Orleans; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Solomon, an act to organize the police of the city of New Orleans and to create a police board therein; referred to a special committee composed of one member from each of the representative districts of the city of New Orleans.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A communication was received from his Excellency J. Madison Wells, Governor of Louisiana, with an accompanying report, which were read as follows:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
New Orleans, Dec. 5, 1865.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In view of the meeting of the General Assembly, it became a paramount necessity that provision should be made for their accommodation, by procuring a suitable building and fitting it up for that purpose. The Mechanics' Institute, by a resolution of the Board of Directors, in a true patriotic spirit, was offered through me to the State, for the purposes of a State House, and regarding it as the most proper and eligible building in the city for that object, I accepted their proposition, but with the proviso that they would fix their price for the rent of the same per annum. This they subsequently did, and named \$8000 per annum for the use of their entire building, reserving for their use the library room of the Institute. It will devolve on the Legislature to decide if this is a reasonable compensation, or what rent will be paid.

Having accepted the building, I authorized Mr. Bailey, the city surveyor, to superintend the fitting up of the same for the use of the General Assembly, which he has done at an expense of \$7020 10, the bills for which amount have been presented to me, with his approval, as per list contained in his communication, hereto annexed. It will be necessary for the Legislature to make an appropriation to pay these bills, and as the largest portion of the claims are due to mechanics and laborers, who need their money, I would respectfully urge that prompt action be taken to provide for their payment. I would further state, that not knowing if the Legislature would continue the Institute as a State House for any length of time, I did not feel authorized to incur any further expenditure than what I have already done in fitting up the building; but there are a number of rooms in the Institute, which would answer for State offices.

If the Legislature decide to lease the building, all available room should be made use of, and provision should be made accordingly.

I leave the whole matter in the hands of the General Assembly.

(Signed)

J. MADISON WELLS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

REPORT.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 4th, 1865.

His Excellency J. Madison Wells, Governor State of Louisiana:

Governor—The Auditor having decided not to issue warrants for the amounts due sundry persons for labor and materials expended in fitting up the Mechanics' Institute for the meeting of the Legislature, for the reason that no appropriation had been made for same, I respectfully ask that you will apply to the present Legislature for such appropriation.

The amounts due are as follows, to wit:

C. W. Grandjean, carpenters work and materials.....	\$2,327 18
Allen Hill, gas fixtures.....	2,076 50
A. Brousseau & Co., carpets and matting.....	1,639 92
Selby & Donlon, gas fitting and pipes.....	284 35
J. P. Coulon, stoves, grates, etc.....	371 65
R. Ward, hauling and placing furniture.....	100 00
John Ganche, three washstand sets.....	20 50
G. W. R. Bayley, superintendence.....	200 00

Total amount.....\$7,020 10

The above is the amount now due. To complete the finishing and furnishing of the entire interior

of the building for State offices, etc., would cost, in addition, probably \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. W. R. BAYLEY.

Motions were severally made to refer the communication and report to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, on Public Buildings, and on Finance, all of which motions were lost;

And on motion of Mr. Tucker they were referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. DeLabarre, the House adjourned to to-morrow at 12 m.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,

Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Wednesday, December 6th, 1865. }

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

Present, the Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Bensel, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Drake, Deblanc, Delamore, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenber, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Robinson, Rogers, Sambola, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Williamson and Waddell—98 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Smith.

The journal of Dec. 5th was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Thieneman called the attention of the House to the printed journal of the proceedings of the 29th, by which it appears that he moved that the House take a recess until to-morrow, (Nov. 29,) at 12 o'clock m.

Which was incorrect—and that instead thereof he had offered the following resolution which does not appear on the journal of that day as printed:

WHEREAS, It appears by the official minutes that this body has had a lawful quorum for the transaction of business every day since the meeting of the Legislature on the 23d inst., but from laudable motives of justice and courtesy towards the country members who, for want of sufficient time, have been thus far unable to reach the seat of Government; and

WHEREAS, This House has no desire to be prominent among those who have heretofore uselessly squandered the treasure of our downtrodden State and people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, shall draw no *per diem* for its members until a Speaker be elected.

And which, at his request, was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

He also requested that his name might be recorded as having voted for M. Hernandez, on the first ballot for Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, on the 28th November.

He also offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, etc., That whenever a press of business determines the House to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the preceding day's session, it then shall be the duty of the Clerk to read such minutes on the succeeding day, in a loud and audible voice, with a view to the correction of any errors which may have been committed therein, previous to their publication in the official journal.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from Hon. H. Peralta, Auditor of Public Accounts :

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, }
New Orleans, Dec. 6, 1865. }

Hon. Duncan S. Cage, Speaker House of Representatives:

Sir—Having entered upon the discharge of my official duties, I take pleasure in stating that I am now ready to furnish such information to your honorable body as they may desire. A detailed report from this office, not being expected previous to the regular session, I shall immediately prepare a full and complete statement, showing the actual indebtedness of the State, and submit the same to you.

With respect, your obedient servant,

H. PERALTA, State Auditor.

The Speaker presented to the House a memorial of D. J. Elder, personally and as executor of the last will and testament of E. H. Pomeroy, deceased, and of J. Dreyfous in regard to seizure of 819 bales of their cotton by order of his Excellency J. Madison Wells, which was referred to the special joint committee on that [portion of the Governor's message referring to the cotton purchased by Gov. Allen.

Mr. Fagot offered preamble and resolutions instructing the Sergeant-at-arms to make alterations in the lobby of the Hall of Representatives for the accommodation of the public; referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. DeLabarre, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled :

Joint resolution requesting his Excellency J. Madison Wells to recover the statue of George Washington, removed by the Federal authorities from Baton Rouge.

Joint resolutions protesting against the reception by the United States Senate of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler as Senators from Louisiana.

And also resolution relative to that portion of the Governor's message relative to secret societies, correctly engrossed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Elam, on behalf of the Judiciary Committee on the following bill referred to that committee, entitled :

An act to regulate the collection of licenses on trades, professions and occupation within this State, reported favorably.

Mr. Fagot, on behalf of the special joint committee to fix the per diem of the employees of the General Assembly, reported through the Chairman.

An act fixing the compensation and providing for the payment of the officers, clerks and employees of the General Assembly.

And the rules being suspended the bill was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Simonds the bill was recommitted to the same committee with instructions to report a bill fixing a rate of payment per diem for the officers of the General Assembly for this special session.

Mr. Stille, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the Governor's message, with instructions to report to which of the standing committees the several parts of said message should be referred, beg leave respectfully to report that that portion of the message relating to the levees on the Mississippi river, be referred to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees.

That the portion of the message relating to the interest on the State debt be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That the portion of the message relating to the swamp lands be referred to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees.

That the portion of the message relating to the issue of treasury warrants, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That the portion of the message relating to Public Schools and the abolishment of the office of Superintendent, be referred to the Committee on Public Education.

That the portion of the message relating to the charitable institutions of the State within and without the city of New Orleans, be referred to the Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions.

That the portion of the message relating to the judiciary, as at present constituted, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

That the portion of the message relating to the rebuilding of the State Penitentiary, and the erection of a State House, be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

That the portion of the message relating to the organization of the militia of the State be referred to the Committee on the Militia.

That the portion of the message relating to the banks of New Orleans, now under military liquidation, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

That the portion of the message relating to the New Orleans and Jackson and New Orleans and Opelousas Railroads, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

That the portion of the message relating to the creation of a Board of Public Works, or the appointment of a Chief Engineer, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

The portions of the message in relation to the election of two Senators to represent the State in the Congress of the United States; also in relation to the cotton purchased by H. W. Allen, "lately exercising the functions of Governor, at Shreveport, in the name of the people of Louisiana;" also in relation to the system of labor and contracts made thereunder; also in relation to the encouragement of immigration; and also in relation to the existence of secret political associations, having already been acted on by the House by the formation of special committees to whom these subjects have been referred, precludes any action by this committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. STILLE, Chairman.

Which report was received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

A message was received from the Senate through its Assistant Secretary, O. Arroyo, Esq., announcing that the President of the Senate had signed the following enrolled House bills:

Joint resolutions protesting against the reception by the United States of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler as Senators from Louisiana, and joint resolution requesting his Excellency J. Madison Wells to recover the statue of George Washington, removed by the Federal authorities from Baton Rouge.

Also requesting the concurrence of the House in Senate bill entitled,

Joint resolution to certify and confirm certain contracts made by the Governor at the instance of the Board of Levee Commissioners.

Which was subsequently called up by Mr. McConnell, and the rules being suspended, was read the second time. Mr. Elam moved that it be referred to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees—which motion was lost. Mr. Halsey moved a suspension of the rules, in order to put the bill on its third reading; not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Duralde, (Mr. Head in the Chair,) the Senate joint resolution providing for a joint session for the purpose of electing United States Senators, was withdrawn from the special committee on Convention, to which it had been referred. The resolution having been read for the information of the House,

Mr. Kent moved to amend by fixing the hour of 2 p. m., on Saturday the 9th inst., as the time for holding said joint session.

Mr. Robinson moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Kent by fixing the hour at 3 o'clock p. m. to-day.

Mr. Lagroue moved the previous question, which being seconded by the House, Mr. Robinson's amendment was adopted, and on motion to adopt the resolution as amended, Messrs. Jonas and Fennner called the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—S. Anderson, Alverson, Bailey, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Cage, Collins, Couvillon, Daigle, Drake, Deblanc, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gantt, Gottschalk, Harrison, Hatch, Hays, Hudspeth, Kent, Kelly, Kile, Lagroue, Laurent, Lemarie, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, McGee, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Snider, Smith, Scott, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waddell and Weeks—72.

And J. Anderson, Addison, Blackman, Davenport, Hanlon, Jonas, Leeds, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Nelligan, Nutt, Peterson, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Sambola, Simonds, Stille, Tucker and Williamson—22 nays. So the resolution as amended was concurred in.

Mr. Walker moved to reconsider the vote, and, on motion of Mr. Couvillon, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The resolution as amended was sent to the Senate, and the House was informed through Assistant Secretary O. Arroyo, Esq., that the Senate concurred in the House amendment to said resolution.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named Representatives introduced the following entitled bills, which, the rules being suspended, underwent their first and second readings, and were referred as follows:

By Mr. Drake—

An act to regulate the sale of property under execution—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Head—

An act to provide for the exemption from seizure and sale for debt other property than that already exempted by law—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Harrison—

Joint resolution referring to the protection of lands lying north of Red River and east of Bayou Bartholomew, to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees.

The following communication, from his Excellency the Governor, was laid before the House by the Speaker:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
New Orleans, December 6, 1865. }

Hon. Duncan S. Cage, Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—I transmit, for the information of members, copy of dispatch just received by me from the Hon. Jacob Barker, member of Congress from the Second District :

“WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.

“A caucus unanimously resolved to refer the credentials of members from Confederate States to joint committee from both Houses.”

Very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,
J. MADISON WELLS, Governor.

Mr. Duralde moved that 300 copies of the proceedings of the Board of Levee Commissioners, appointed provisionally by the Governor, be printed for the information of the House, which motion was lost.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the Door-keeper announced the approach of the Senate for the purpose of holding a joint session of the General Assembly, and were admitted and took their seats within the bar.

JOINT SESSION.

The Hon. Albert Voorhies, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, took the Chair, and ordered the roll of the Senate to be called, when the following Senators answered to their names :

Hon. A. Voorhies, President, and Messrs. Abney, Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Burthe, Campbell, Cooley, Duvignaud, Egan, Ellis, Foute, Finney, Gibson, Gordon, Hough, Kavanaugh, Kelso, Lapeyre, Lott, Mohan, Munday, G. Newton, D. Newton, Palfrey, Taylor, and Welch—26 Senators.

The Speaker of the House then directed the Clerk to call the roll, when the following Representatives answered to their names :

Hon. D. S. Cage, and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Deblance, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gantt, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Hatch, Hays, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Richardson, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—98 Representatives.

The President announced as the object of the joint assembly, the election of two United States Senators for the State of Louisiana.

The following nominations were made :

Hon. Randell Hunt, nominated by Messrs. Ewing, McConnell, McKelvey, J. Phillips, Murray, B. P. Voorhies, Fulda, A. Phillips, Eustis and Leeds.

Hon. Isaiah Garrett, nominated by Mr. McEnery.

Hon. Ch. Gayarre, nominated by Mr. Kent.

Hon. J. M. Wells, nominated by Messrs. Williamson and Halsey.

Hon. Henry Boyce, nominated by Messrs. Couvillon and Kelso.

Hon. J. Q. A. Fellowes, nominated by Mr. Stille.

Hon. W. S. Parham, nominated by Mr. S. Anderson.

Hon. Henry Gray, nominated by Mr. Hudspeth.

Hon. J. W. McDonald, nominated by Mr. Kidd.

Hon. G. Williamson, nominated by Mr. Robinson, but the nomination was withdrawn at the request of Mr. Williamson.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, of the Senate, the General Assembly proceeded to ballot for one United States Senator, for the long term, with the following result :

SENATE VOTE.

For Randell Hunt—Messrs. Abney, Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Burthe, Campbell, Cooley, Egan, Ellis, Foute, Finney, Gibson, Gordon, Hough, Kavanaugh, Kelso, Lapeyre, Lott, Mohan, Munday, G. Newton, D. Newton, Palfrey, Taylor, and Welch—25 votes.

For Chas. Gayarre—Mr. Duvignaud—1 vote.

HOUSE VOTE.

For Randell Hunt—Hon. D. S. Cage Speaker, and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Collins, Davenport, Drake, Deblanc, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gantt, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Scott, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—93 votes.

For Mr. Gayarre—Messrs. Daigle, DeLabarre and Solomon—3 votes.

For Mr. Boyce—Mr. Couvillon—1 vote.

For Mr. J. Q. A. Fellowes—Mr. Stille—1 vote.

RECAPITULATION.

	Senate.	House.	Total.
For Hon. Randell Hunt.....	25	93	118
.. Chas. Gayarre.....	1	3	4
.. H. Boyce.....	00	1	1
.. J. Q. A. Fellowes.....	00	1	1

Total vote..... 124
Necessary to a choice..... 63

Hon. Randell Hunt having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared by the President duly elected United States Senator for the State of Louisiana for the long term.

The General Assembly then proceeded to ballot for a United States Senator for the short term, with the following result:

SENATE VOTE.

For Isaiah Garrett—Messrs. Barrow, Cooley, Hough, Lott, Munday, G. Newton, D. Newton and Welch—8 votes.

For Henry Boyce—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Campbell, Foute, Finney and Kelso—6 votes.

For Chas. Gayarre—Messrs. Burthe, Duvignaud, Ellis and Gordon—4 votes.

For J. M. Wells—Messrs. Gibson, Kavanaugh, Lapeyre and Mohan—4 votes.

For Henry Gray—Messrs. Egan and Palfrey—2 votes.

For Mr. Parham—Mr. Taylor—1 vote.

For J. W. McDonald—Mr. Abney—1 vote.

HOUSE VOTE.

For Isaiah Garrett—Messrs. J. Anderson, Boyce, Buie, Collins, Ditto, Fishburn, Gates, Harrison, Jonas, Meredith, McEnery, McDonald, Montgomery, Powell and Stille—15 votes.

For Henry Boyce—Messrs. Couvillon, Elam, Eustis, Gantt, Hatch, Kile, Leeds, Lewis, McCloskey, Nutt, Prudhomme, Roman, Scanlan and Waddell—14 votes.

For Charles Gayarre—Messrs. Addison, Brown, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Dugas, Eastin, Fagot, Fulda, Kent, Kelly, Lagroue, Laurent, McGee, Pujo, Richards, Rogers, Seger, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Wiltz, Waggaman—22 votes.

For J. Madison Wells—Messrs. Cage, Austin, Bailey, Davenport, Drake, Decker, Drew, Duralde, Eager, Eldridge, Fenner, Freret, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Hays, Lemarie, McKelvey, McConnell, McCloskey, Moreland, Murray, Nutt, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Richards, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Simonds, Smith, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Williamson, Weeks—34 votes.

For Henry Gray—Messrs. Blackman, Daigle, Ewing, Head, Hudspeth, Lipscomb, Martin, Richardson and Tucker—9 votes.

For Mr. W. S. Parham—Messrs. S. Anderson and Alverson—2 votes.

For J. W. McDonald—Messrs. Kidd and Snider—2 votes.

RECAPITULATION.

	Senate.	House.	Total.
For Isaiah Garrett.....	8	15	23
For Henry Boyce.....	6	14	20
For Chas. Gayarre.....	4	22	26
For J. M. Wells.....	4	34	38
For Henry Gray.....	2	9	11

RECAPITULATION—(Continued.)

For W. S. Parham.....	1	2	3
For J. W. McDonald.....	1	2	3
	26	98	124

Necessary to a choice..... 63

And there being no election the General Assembly proceeded to another ballot, the names of Messrs. Gray and McDonald being withdrawn, with the following result:

SENATE VOTE.

For Isaiah Garrett—Messrs. Abney, Barrow, Cooley, Hough, Lott, Munday, Newton G., Newton D., Taylor, Welch—10 votes.

For Henry Boyce—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Campbell, Foute, Finney, Kelso—6 votes.

For Charles Gayarre—Messrs. Burthe, Duvignaud, Ellis and Gordon—4 votes.

For J. M. Wells—Messrs. Egan, Gibson, Kavanaugh, Lepeyre, Mohan and Palfrey—6 votes.

HOUSE VOTE.

For Isaiah Garrett—Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson S., Austin, Alverssn, Blackman, Boyce, Buie, Collins, Ditto, Eastin, Fishburn, Gates Harrison, Head, Jonas, Laurent, Lipscomb, Meredith, McEnery, McDonald, Montgomery, Powell and Stille—23 votes.

For Henry Boyce—Messrs. Couvillon, Elam, Eustis, Gantt, Hatch, Kile, Leeds, Lewis, Prudhomme, Roman, Snider and Waddell—12 votes.

For Chas. Gayarre—Messrs. Addison, Brown, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Dugas, Hudspeth, Kent, Kelly, Lagroue, Martin, McGee, Pujo, Rogers, Seger, Solomon, Tete, Wiltz and Waggaman—18 votes.

For J. M. Wells—Messrs. Cage, Bailey, Davenport, Daigle, Drake, Decker, Drew, Duralde, Eager, Eldridge, Ewing, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fulda, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Hays, Lemarie, McKelvey, McConnell, McCloskey, Moreland, Murray, Nutt, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Richards, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Simonds, Smith, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Williamson and Weeks—42 votes.

For W. S. Parham—Messrs. Kidd, Regenberg and Richardson—3 votes.

RECAPITULATION.

	Senate.	House.	Total
For Isaiah Garrett.....	10	23	33
“ Henry Boyce.....	6	12	18
“ Chs. Gayarre.....	4	18	22
“ J. M. Wells.....	6	42	48
“ W. S. Parham.....	—	3	3
	26	98	124

Necessary to a choice..... 63

And there was consequently no election.

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson the Senate retired.

HOUSE.

Mr. Williamson moved to take a recess until 7 o'clock, pending which, on motion of Mr. McEnery

the House adjourned to Friday next at 11 o'clock
A. M.
THOS L. MAXWELL,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
FRIDAY, December 8, 1865. }

House met at 11 A. M.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, in the Chair; and Messrs. Anderson of Catahoula, Anderson of Madison, Austin, Alverson, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Ditto, Drew, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Fagot, Freret, Fishburn, Gates, Gaisser, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenber, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—91 Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. C. S. Hedges.

The journal of 6th inst. read, and on motion, approved.

The Speaker announced as a special committee on an act to organize the police of the city of New Orleans,

Messrs. Solomon, Simonds, Leeds, Freret, Bonabel, Lemarie, Voorhies, DeLabarre, Wiltz and Bensel.

On motion of Mr. Drake, the rules were suspended for the purpose of taking up out of its order

Joint resolution to ratify and confirm certain contracts made by the Governor at the instance of the Board of Levee Commissioners.

The bill being read for the information of the House, Mr. McEnery moved that it be made the special order for to-morrow, 9th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. Elam, as an amendment to the motion of Mr. McEnery, moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, with instructions to report at 12 M., to-morrow, with estimates of the cost of completing the work under contract.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Walker, it was

Resolved, That the House invite the Senate to meet in joint session to-day at 12½ o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a United States Senator.

The Senate being notified, a message was received from that body, through O. Arroyo, Esq., its Assistant Secretary, informing the House that

the Senate had concurred in the resolution of the House.

Mr. Stille presented joint resolutions providing for a joint committee to collect and authenticate evidence adverse to the claims of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler to seats in the United States Senate as Senators from Louisiana.

The rules being suspended, the resolutions underwent their several readings and were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bailey his resolution entitled:

Resolution requesting the Finance Committee to inform the House of the state of the finances at the earliest practicable moment;

And which was laid over on the 4th instant, was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Edwards presented a petition of Mrs. E. Callihan, asking for a charter of the ferry across the Atchafalaya river at Simmsport, and known as the Simmsport Ferry, which was read and referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
New Orleans, Dec. 8, 1865. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I am instructed by his Excellency the Governor, to inform the House, that he has approved and signed the following joint resolutions, which originated in that body:

"Joint resolution requesting his Excellency Governor J. Madison Wells to recover the statue of Geo. Washington, removed by the Federal authorities from Baton Rouge."

"Joint resolution protesting against the reception by the United States Senate of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler as Senators from Louisiana."

And to say that a copy of this joint resolution was promptly transmitted by him by telegraph, to the Representatives from Louisiana to the Lower House of Congress, as therein requested.

N. C. SNETHEN,

Private Secretary,

The following named Representatives introduced bills which were severally disposed of as follows:

By Mr. Freret—

Joint resolution to request our Representatives in Congress to obtain the restitution of the bonds and securities taken from the State Treasurer.

Read three times, the rules being suspended, and adopted.

By Mr. Williamson—

Joint resolutions to provide for the appointment of a special committee to revise the penal laws of the State of Louisiana, and to suggest repeals and amendments thereof, and additions thereto, with authority to appoint a clerk, and to sit during the recess of the House.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Deporter—

An act for the relief of the Sheriff of the parish of St. James.

Which was read twice, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Murray—

An act to incorporate the Laborers' Benevolent Association of the city of New Orleans.

Which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions, with the accompanying Constitution of the said Association.

By Mr. Davenport—

An act emancipating Hypolite Trepagnier, a minor, of the parish of St. Charles, from the disabilities of minority.

Which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

JOINT SESSION.

The hour of 12½ o'clock P. M. having arrived, the Doorkeeper announced the approach of the Senate, who entered and took their seats in joint session with the House, Hon. Albert Voorhies, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, in the Chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Burthe, Abney, Armstrong, Barrow, Coco, Campbell, Cooley, Duvignaud, Egan, Ellis, Gordon, Hough, Kenner, Lott, Mohan, Munday, J. Newton, D. Newton, Welch, Wilcoxon—20 Senators.

And on a call of the roll of the House, the following Representatives answered to their names:

Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker; J. Anderson, Anderson Samuel, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Dunalde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge Eustis, Ewing, Fagot, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kid Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Powell, Ormond, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richardson, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson—96 Representatives.

The names of the nominees before the General Assembly were then read as follows: J. Madison Wells, Isaiah Garrett, Charles Gayarre and Wm. S. Parham. Mr. Williamson withdrew the name of J. Madison Wells.

The General Assembly then proceeded to the fourth ballot for United States Senator, or the third ballot for a Senator for the short term, as follows:

SENATE VOTE.

For Isaiah Garrett—Messrs. Abney, Barrow, Campbell, Cooley, Hough, Lott, Munday, G. Newton, D. Newton, Welch and Wilcoxon—11 votes.

For Henry Boyce—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Coco, Foute, Kelso, Kenner and Mohan—7 votes.

For Charles Gayarre—Messrs. Burthe, Ellis, Gordon and Duvignaud—4 votes.

For W. S. Parham—Mr. Egan—1 vote.

HOUSE VOTE.

For Henry Boyce—Messrs. D. S. Cage, Barry, Bensel, Buie, Couvillon, Drake, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Freret, Gaisser, Hanlon, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kidd, Kile, Leeds, Lewis, McConnell McCloskey, Murray, Nelligan Nutt, Ormond, A. Phillips, Prudhomme, Roman, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Voorhies, Williamson and Waddell—39 votes.

For Isaiah Garret—Messrs. Anderson J., Austin, Alverson, Bailey, Blackman, Boyce, Bruton, Deporter, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Ewing, Fishburn, Gates, Gottschalk, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Lipscomb, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, Moreland, Montgomery, Powell, Regenberg, Robinson, Stille, Tucker, Walker, Whittington and Weeks—34 votes.

For Charles Gayarre—Messrs. Addison, Brown, Davenport, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Fagot, Fulda, Holt, Kent, Kelly, Lebranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Martin, Pujo, Richards, Rogers, Seger, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Wiltz and Waggaman—30 votes.

For W. S. Parham—Messrs. S. Anderson and Richardson—2 votes.

RECAPITULATION.

<i>Senate</i> —Boyce.....	7
Garrett.....	11
Gayarre.....	4
Parham.....	1
<i>House</i> —Boyce.....	39
Garrett.....	34
Gayarre.....	30
Parham.....	2
	128
<i>Summary</i> —Boyce.....	46
Garrett.....	45
Gayarre.....	34
Parham.....	3
	128

Necessary to a choice..... 65

There being no election the General Assembly proceeded to the fifth ballot, the name of Mr. Charles Gayarre having first been withdrawn by Mr. Kent, and the name of Mr. W. S. Parham having likewise been withdrawn by Mr. Anderson of Madison.

SENATE VOTE.

For Henry Boyce—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Burthe, Coco, Duvidnaud, Ellis, Foute, Gordon, Kelso, Lapeyre and Mohan—11 votes.

For Isaiah Garrett—Messrs. Abney, Barrow, Campbell, Cooley, Egan, Hough, Kenner, Lott, Munday, G. Newton, D. Newton, Welch and Wilcox—13 votes.

HOUSE VOTE.

For Henry Boyce—Messrs. Cage, Barry, Bensel, Buie, Couvillon, Drake, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLa-barre, Ditto, Duffel, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Fagot, Freret, Fulda, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Hudspeth, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, Lewis, Lipscomb, McConnell, McCloskey, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Alf. Phillips, Prudhomme, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Solomon, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Wiltz, Williamson and Waddell—59 votes.

For Isaiah Garrett—Messrs. J. Anderson, Sam'l Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Blackman, Brown, Royce, Bruton, Davenport, Decker, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Ewing, Fenner, Fishburn, Gates, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Holt, Jonas, Kent, LeBlanc, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, Moreland, Montgomery, Nelligan, Powell, Pujo, Regenberg, Rogers, Robinson, Stille, Scott, Tete, Theriot, Whittington, Weeks—45 votes.

RECAPITULATION.

<i>Senate</i> —Boyce.....	11
Garrett.....	13
<i>House</i> —Boyce.....	59
Garrett.....	45

Total.....	128
Necessary to a choice.....	65

	House.	Senate.	Total.
<i>Summary</i> —Boyce.....	59	11	70
Garrett.....	45	13	58

Total.....	128
Necessary to a choice.....	65

Whereupon the President declared Henry Boyce duly elected United States Senator from Louisiana for the short term.

The special order of the day, being the bill reported by the Special Committee of fifteen on State Convention, entitled,

An act to take the sense of the people on the expediency of calling a Convention to form a Constitution, and to provide for the election of delegates and for the holding of the Convention,

Was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Halsey moved to postpone the further consideration of this bill until the regular session of the General Assembly in January next.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Austin, the House adjourned to to-morrow at 12 o'clock m.

THOMAS L. MAXWELL,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Saturday, Dec. 9, 1865. }

The House met at 12 m.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker; and Messrs. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips J., Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richardson, Richards, Roman, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—94 Representatives.

The journal of Friday was read and approved.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Stille, Eustis, McConnell, Simonds and Scanlan, as a committee on the part of the House on the joint resolutions introduced by Mr. Stille, and adopted yesterday, entitled:

Joint resolutions appointing a special committee of both Houses for the purpose of collecting information and reasons for defeating the claims of Hahn and Cutler to seats in the United States Senate.

The following communication from the Speaker's table was read:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA, }
New Orleans, La., Dec. 7, 1865. }

General Orders No. 135.

[EXTRACT.]

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3. The execution of the sentence of Edward Cantwill, a paroled prisoner of war, promulgated in General Orders, No. 71, current series, from these Headquarters, is hereby postponed for one week.

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By order of Major-General E. R. S. CANBY:

WICKHAM HOFFMAN,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Official: NATHANIEL BUREANK,

1st Lieut. and A. A. A. G.

Mr. DeLabarre, chairman of Enrolling Committee, presented the following report:

"I have the honor to report, on behalf of the Enrolling Committee, that the following gentlemen were elected Translating Clerks on the part of the House: Louis Allain and J. B. Soraparu."

New Orleans, Dec. 9, 1865.

Mr. Soraparu was called to the Speaker's table and sworn.

Mr. Gates, chairman of the Committee on Claims, on behalf of said committee reported as follows:

On House bill No. 31, entitled joint resolution for the relief of Hon. Joachim Bermudez, the committee beg leave to report that the object of the joint resolution meets the approval of the committee, and they therefore recommend its passage.

On the communication of his Excellency the Governor, dated Dec. 5th, 1865, relative to the fitting up of the Mechanics' Institute building for use as a Legislative Hall, the same committee reported by bill, entitled

An act appropriating a certain sum of money to defray the expense of fitting up the Mechanics' Institute for the use of the Legislature.

On the claim of H. Cassidy, the committee reported favorably, by bill entitled

An act for the relief of H. Cassidy of the city of New Orleans.

Mr. Duralde, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, reported favorably on bills entitled

Joint resolution referring to the protection of lands lying north of Red River and east of Bayou Bartholomew, and

Joint resolution to ratify and confirm certain contracts made by the Governor, at the instance of the Board of Levee Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Hanlon, the Doorkeeper of the House was temporarily excused from duty.

Mr. Labranche offered a resolution for the relief of U. D. Terrebonne, late acting Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

The resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Tucker, on behalf of Mr. Davenport, requested permission to withdraw from the further consideration of the House, the bill entitled:

An act emancipating Hypolite Trepagnier, a minor of the parish of St. Charles, from the disabilities of minority.

The same being inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution, leave was granted and the bill withdrawn.

Leave of absence was, on motion of Mr. Gates, granted to Messrs. Eastin and Daigle for six days.

BILL PASSED.

Mr. Fagot introduced a bill entitled joint resolution relative to the election of the Hon. Randall

Hunt and Hon. Henry Boyce, as Senators from the State of Louisiana to the United States Senate.

The bill underwent its several readings, the rules being suspended, and was adopted.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named Representatives without previous notice, a suspension of the rules being granted, introduced the following entitled bills, which underwent their first and second readings and were referred, as follows:

By Mr. Scott—

An act supplemental to an act entitled "an act to incorporate the city of Carrollton," approved March 17th, 1859.

To a special committee composed of the Representatives from the parish of Jefferson.

By Mr. Bailey—

An act to amend an act entitled "an act relative to crimes and offenses.

To the special committee on Labor.

By Mr. Harrison—

Joint resolution referring to the appointment of a commissioner to examine all the levees in the parish of Morehouse heretofore constructed by the State, and to make a reconnaissance of the west bank of Boeuf river below Point Jefferson, etc.

To the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees.

By Mr. Robinson—

An act allowing appeals where previous appeals have been dismissed without a trial being had on their merits.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Harrison—

An act fixing the time of the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Browne—

An act relative to the Assessment Roll of the parish of Iberville for 1865.

To the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Kile—

An act relative to the ferry across Red River at Grand Ecore.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

The time having arrived for taking up the special order of the day, Mr. Tucker moved that the rules of the House be suspended for the purpose of setting aside the special order and to take up on its second reading Senate bill entitled—

Joint resolution to ratify and confirm certain contracts made by the Governor at the instance of the Board of Levee Commissioners.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was taken up, when Mr. Tucker further moved that the House do concur in the bill, on which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Halsey and Bensel, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. J. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fenner, Fishburn, Gaisser, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Hatch, Hays, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Pujo, Prudhomme, Richards, Roman, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Stille, Scott, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman and Waddell—79 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Blackman, Bruton, Head, Meredith, Moreland, Powell, Regenberg, Richardson and Weeks—9 nays.

So the resolution was concurred in.

The special order of the day, being House bill No. 33, entitled

An act to take the sense of the people on the expediency of calling a Convention to form a Constitution, and to provide for the election of delegates and for the holding of the Convention,

Was taken up, pending Mr. Halsey's motion to postpone the further consideration of the bill until the next regular session of the General Assembly, and while the motion to postpone was under consideration, on motion of Mr. Blackman the House adjourned to Monday, December 11th, at 12 o'clock M.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,

Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Monday, December 11, 1865. }

The House met at 12 o'clock M.

Present, Hon. Duncan S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson Samuel, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Roman, Robinson, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Whittington, Witz, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—94 Representatives.

The journal of Saturday, December 9th, was read and approved.

Mr. Scanlan moved to reconsider the vote of the House by which it concurred in the Senate bill entitled: "Joint resolution to ratify and confirm certain contracts entered into by the Governor at the instance of the Board of Levee Commissioners."

Mr. Halsey moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, on which motion Messrs. Bailey and Scanlan called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. S. Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Barry, Bonnabel, Brown, Davenport, Drake, Deporter, Drew, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Ewing, Fishburn, Gottschalk, Halsey, Hays, Holt, Hudspeth, Kent, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Montgomery, Ormond, Pujo, Roman, Seger, Smith, Stille, Theriot, Walker, Whittington and Waggaman—38 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. J. Anderson, Bailey, Bensel, Blackman, Buie, Bruton, Couvillon, DeLabarre, Ditto, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Henderson, Jonas, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Leeds, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Murray, Nelligan, Peterson, J. Phillips, Powell, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Scanlan, Snider, Solomon, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Wiltz, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—56 nays.

So the House refused to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was then put and carried.

A communication from Mr. Burke, relative to the repair and construction of levees, was then presented and read; and on motion of Mr. Scanlan, the rules being suspended, the bill was recommended to the Committee on Public Works, Public Lands and Levees, together with the memorial of Mr. Burke.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker presented the following communication from his Excellency the Governor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
New Orleans, Dec. 9th, 1865. }

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:

Gentlemen—A copy of joint resolutions of the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives, without date, asking for all the information in my possession relative to secret political organizations referred to in my message to the Legislature of November 29th, 1865, "if not incompatible with the public welfare of the State," has been received by me.

This honorable solicitude upon the part of the representatives of the people is highly gratifying to me, and will, I am satisfied, be greatly commended by the people, to whom we are alike responsible; and I regret the more deeply in consequence that I cannot comply with the request made to me for information, as by so doing, I fear the ends of public justice would be defeated. If

a suitable law can be enacted to meet the evil, I hope no occasion will require its enforcement in the future.

J. MADISON WELLS.

Mr. Ditto offered to following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Legislature of the State of Louisiana shall adjourn sine die on Saturday, the 16th inst., at 3 o'clock p. m.

The resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Kent offered the following personal explanation, which was ordered to be spread upon the journal of the House:

Having been informed that Mr. Gayarre's friends in both Houses of this General Assembly, and in the public, blame him for having, after the first ballot, hastily withdrawn his name from the Senatorial contest which took place in this Hall on Friday last, the 8th of December, when the vote stood 46 for Boyce, 45 for Garrett and 33 for Gayarre, I deem it a duty which I owe to that gentleman, to myself and to his friends, in order to prevent any error or misconception, to declare that, without any authority from him and consultation with them, I withdrew, under the circumstances above stated, Mr. Gayarre's name, which I had presented at his request, and that, in so doing, I acted singly on my own responsibility and from my own sense of propriety.

Mr. Jonas offered the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That a joint committee be appointed, of eight on the part of the House and — on the part of the Senate, whose duty it shall be to examine into the affairs of the railroads in which the State is a stockholder and report thereon, with full power to send for persons and papers, and to compel the attendance of witnesses.

The joint resolution was adopted, and the following Representatives were appointed as a committee on the part of the House, Mr. Jonas being excused from acting on said committee at his own request:

Messrs. Murray, Gates, Leeds, Bailey, Voorhies, Elam, Tucker and McCloskey.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, it was

Resolved, That a special committee of five members of the House be appointed to present to the General Assembly a bill to organize a bureau to be styled a Bureau of Immigration, and to define its powers and duties and to suggest the salaries to be received by said Bureau and its employees.

On motion of Mr. Lemarie, his bill entitled joint resolution to provide for the election of parish officers throughout the State, was withdrawn from

the file of the Committee on Elections and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hon. G. W. Green presented his credentials as Representative elect from the parish of Concordia, was sworn, and took his seat.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message received December 6th, from the Senate, through Oscar Arroyo, Esq., its Assistant Secretary, asking the concurrence of the House in a resolution entitled

Resolution for the appointment of a special joint committee of both Houses to select a site for the erection of a State House, as recommended by the Governor;

And announcing that the Senate had appointed on said committee, Messrs. Gordon, Newton of Jackson, and Burthe;

Came up in regular order and was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

The House was informed also that the Senate had concurred in House joint resolution to request our Representatives in Congress to obtain the restitution of the bonds and securities taken from the State of Louisiana, with an amendment.

Also that the Senate had concurred in House joint resolution appointing a special committee of both Houses for the purpose of collecting information and reasons for defeating the claims of Hahn and Cutler to seats in the United States Senate, and had appointed on said committee on the part of the Senate Messrs. Foute, Abney and Armstrong.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named Representatives introduced bills, and the rules being suspended, they were read a first and second time, and, on motion, referred to appropriate committees, as hereinafter mentioned:

By Mr. Voorhies—

Joint resolution relative to the status of freedmen.

Referred to the Special Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Fenner—

Joint resolution adopting the constitutional amendment.

Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, and two hundred copies ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Fenner—

An act for the protection of freedmen, free negroes and mulattoes in their rights of person and property.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Deporter—

An act to provide temporary protection for debtors and creditors, or all property holders.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Stille—

An act to increase the revenue of the State.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Tucker—

An act for the relief of B. Bloomfield.

Referred to the Committee on Claims, with papers.

By Mr. Drake—

An act for the relief of Thomas P. Farrar, District Attorney pro tem. Twelfth Judicial District.

Referred to the Committee on Claims, with papers.

By Mr. Nelligan—

An act to extend relief to wounded and disabled soldiers.

Referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

By Mr. Murray—

An act to regulate police force of city of New Orleans.

Referred to Special Committee on Police Board.

By Mr. Hanlon—

An act to protect the State from inundation.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

The following entitled "bills on second reading" were taken up, and passed to be engrossed for third reading, and under a suspension of the rules, were read a third time and passed by their titles.

An act amending an act entitled "an act supplementing to the acts incorporating the town of Thibodeaux, approved May 29th, 1846.

Joint resolution for the relief Honorable Joachim Bermudez.

An act to regulate the collection of licenses on trades, professions and occupations within this State.

An act for the relief of H. Cassidy, of the city of New Orleans.

The bill reported by the Committee on Claims, entitled

An act appropriating a certain sum of money to defray the expense of fitting up the Mechanics' Institute for the use of the Legislature, was, on motion of Mr. Bailey, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The special order of the day being House bill No. 33, entitled "an act to take the sense of the people on the expediency of calling a convention to form a constitution, and to provide for the election of delegates and for holding the convention,"

Was taken up, pending Mr. Halsey's motion to postpone the further consideration of the bill until the next regular session of the General Assembly.

On the motion to postpone, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Elam and Sambola, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Alver-son, Bailey, Barry, Bonnabel, Brown, Bruton, Cou-

villon, Drake, Deblanc, Drew, Ditto, Eager, Elam Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fishburn, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Holt, Kent, Lagroue, Laurent, Meredith, McKelvey, McDonald, Montgomery, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormond, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regen-berg, Richards, Roman, Seger, Snider, Stille, Solo-mon, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman, Waddell and Weeks—53 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Addison, Bensel, Black-man, Buie, Davenport, Delamore, Deporter, De-Labarre, Duffel, Eastin, Fagot, Fenner, Gates, Green, Hanlon, Henderson, Higgins, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Kidd, Labranche, Leeds, Lemarie, Leblanc, Lewis, Martin, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Murray, Peter-son, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Smith, Theriot, Thieneman, Williamson and Voorhies—44 nays.

And the motion to postpone was carried.

Mr. Solomon asked and obtained leave to have the following explanation of his vote on the fore-going motion spread upon the journal:

"I vote to defer action on the convention ques-tion to the regular session of the General Assem-bly in January next, for the reason that I consider, under the circumstances, an immediate call for a convention by this House, would be impolitic, in-judicious and unwise, and injurious in my opinion to the interest of the State."

On motion of Mr. Lagroue, the House adjourned to to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,

Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1865. }

The House met at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, Anderson J., Anderson Samuel, Alverson, Addison, Bensel, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Buie, Bruton, Cou-villon, Davenport, Drake, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Green, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Higgins, Holt, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Lau-rent, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, McCloskey, More-land, Murray, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenber, Richard-son, Richards, Rogers, Scanlan, Seger, Snider, Stille, Solomon, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Williamson, Wad-dell and Weeks—82 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Lee.

The journal of Monday, December 11, was read.

Mr. Voorhies asked and obtained the consent of the House to have his name recorded in the nega-tive on the vote taken yesterday on the motion to

postpone the further consideration of the convention bill, and his name was so recorded.

The journal was approved.

In accordance with the resolution of Mr. Williamson, adopted yesterday, providing for a special committee to draft a bill to organize a Bureau of Immigration, the following committee was appointed by the Speaker:

Hon. Geo. Williamson chairman, Hon. J. A. Snider of Bossier, Hon. A. L. Tucker of St. Mary, Hon. J. B. Eustis of Orleans, Hon. J. R. Head of Bienville.

MEMORIALS, PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

A memorial from Jean Bethancourt, praying for relief against judgments obtained against him by the city of New Orleans for taxes on bills and notes receivable for four years, which bills are a total loss to the memorialist, was received and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Murray presented a memorial of Sister Angelica, Directress of the St. Elizabeth House of Industry, at the corner of Magazine and Josephine streets, New Orleans, praying for relief for that institution and such an appropriation as will provide for its support in part, and for the liquidation of its debts, accompanied with an account current of receipts and expenditures for the past year, and a list of the names of the 158 female orphans, inmates of the asylum. Referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Murray also presented a memorial of Sister Agnes, Directress of the New Orleans Female Orphan Asylum, corner of Camp and Prytania streets, praying for relief of that institution, and accompanied with a list of the 281 female orphans, inmates of the said asylum.

The memorial was read and referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Edwards presented the petition of Mrs. R. M. Boone, asking that her claims to the Simmsport ferry be sustained.

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

Mr. Lagrone presented the memorial of Sister Severina, praying for an appropriation for the relief of the "Maison des Cinq Plaies," an asylum for the insane, setting forth the insufficiency of the building used, the want of proper furniture, the dilapidated condition of the fences around the premises—at the corner of Magazine street and Nashville Avenue—and the suspension of the relief heretofore received through the kindness of General Canby.

Referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Kidd offered a preamble and joint resolution relative to secret societies.

The same having been read, Mr. McEnery offered as a substitute resolutions for the appointment of a joint committee to inquire into secret political organizations.

The substitute being accepted by Mr. Kidd in lieu of his resolutions, was adopted, and Messrs. McEnery, Kidd, Bonnabel, Walker and Deporter, appointed on said committee on the part of the House.

A communication from the Provost Court of the parish of Orleans, being the record of said court in the case of the United States vs. J. W. Davis was presented and read, reciting after charges and evidence the following decision:

"Defendant to report to the Legislature, and a copy of the testimony taken in this case to be forwarded to the Legislature for such disposition as they may deem proper."

Whereupon the following resolution was offered by Mr. Tucker and adopted by the House:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, J. W. Davis, the Doorkeeper of this House, was arrested on Thursday last by the military authorities, for wearing a grey uniform with brass buttons, in violation of general orders of the Military Department of the Gulf, and for insulting the United States guard; and

WHEREAS, It appears by the evidence, which has been transmitted to this House, by the Court before which said charges were tried, that our Doorkeeper was in fault and guilty of great indiscretion in pursuing the course he did, but, as we believe, without any malicious purpose to violate the regulations of the United States military authorities; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said J. W. Davis be reprimanded by the Speaker, and that he then be permitted to resume his duties as Doorkeeper of this House.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Murray, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Charitable Institutions, presented the following report, which was adopted:

COMMITTEE ROOM, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
New Orleans, December 11, 1865. }

The undersigned, on behalf of the Committee on Charitable Institutions, beg leave to report that—

In regard to the memorial of Mrs. Lawson, asking for pecuniary relief, your Committee report adversely.

In regard to an act to incorporate the Laborers' Benevolent Association, the Committee are of opinion that the Legislature has no power in the premises, there being special laws applicable to the subject.

In regard to an act to extend relief to the wounded and disabled soldiers of the late war, the Committee report adversely.

THOMAS MURRAY,
Chairman.

Mr. Williamson, Chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations, reported on House bill No. 10, entitled—

Joint resolutions relative to the Emancipation Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln.

Unfavorably, for the reason—

1st. That African slavery in the State of Louisiana has been destroyed by military force, and not by virtue of the proclamation of President Lincoln, and therefore that the rescision or withdrawal of that instrument would have no practical effect on said institution of slavery.

2d. That it is inexpedient and unwise to ask our Senators and Representatives in Congress to perform the vain act of presenting resolutions asking for the annulment or withdrawal of said proclamation of President Lincoln.

And on House Bill No. 11, entitled "Joint resolution relative to the establishment of postoffices throughout the State,"

By substitute as follows :

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened: That his Excellency, J. Madison Wells, Governor of Louisiana, and our Senators and Representatives elect to the Congress of the United States, be requested to present to the proper department at Washington the great public convenience to the people of Louisiana which would result from a speedy re-establishment of the Postoffices and postal routes existing in the State previous to the late war.

Mr. Duralde, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, on the Senate bill entitled "Joint resolutions to ratify and confirm certain contracts made by the Governor at the instance of the Board of Levee Commissioners, together with the memorial of Mr. Burke, referred to that committee, reported back the said bill, recommending that the House concur; and the bill was taken up on its third reading and concurred in.

The following was the report of the committee :

The Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, to whom was referred the memorial of J. W. Burke, signing himself "Chief Engineer of Levees for the State," beg leave respectfully to report :

That they have carefully considered the matters contained in said memorial, and that in the first place, they find that there is no such office as Chief Engineer of Levees of the State, and that the commission granted by the Governor to said Burke has been revoked, he being at present in no way connected with the construction of the levees; and, in the second place, that the allegations of misconduct against the Board of Levee Commissioners, in letting out the contracts, are wholly unfounded. On the contrary, we find that said Board

have acted with the very best judgment and discretion.

We therefore recommend that the joint resolutions, from the Senate, confirming said contracts, be immediately concurred in.

J. V. DURALDE, Chairman.

The report was accompanied by the following communication from his Excellency the Governor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
NEW ORLEANS, December 12, 1865. }

Hon. J. V. Duralde, Chairman of House Committee on Public Lands and Levees :

Sir : I acknowledge the receipt at your hands of copy of a petition addressed to the Legislature by J. W. Burke, claiming to be Chief Engineer of the Levee Districts as organized by the Board of Levee Commissioners by appointment from me, and requesting that I would inform the committee if such was the fact or not. In reply, I will state that Mr. Burke is not Chief Engineer as claimed by him, nor has he any official connection at the present time with the work of building the levees. He was appointed by me to the office mentioned before I was aware of the regulations adopted by the Board in providing for a Chief Engineer for each division of the work. As soon as I was apprised of the action of the Board, it was understood his appointment was to be cancelled and I so informed the Board.

As relates to the attack contained in the petition, impugning the integrity of the Board in the letting out of the contracts, I do not consider them worthy of notice. The proceedings and action of the Board meet my full approval. In departing from the stipulation of the advertisement, providing that not more than two sections shall be let to one contractor, I consider the Board acted for the best interests of the State. From what I understand of the nature of the bids, (very few of them being limited to two sections) the Board were compelled to pursue the course they did or fail to let out the contracts. They either had to accept the bids as a whole or reject.

I make these remarks more in justice to myself, my name having been unwarrantably used in said petition, than to vindicate the integrity of the Board, who need none at my hands. I selected them from my confidence in their honesty, abilities and experience, and I have not been disappointed.

In conclusion I trust I may be permitted to say that I have no personal interests to subserve, directly or indirectly, in the building of the levees. My action in initiating the work was to save the richest and fairest portion of the State from inundation and destruction. I can do no more, and it now devolves on the representatives of the people to say if the work will go on to completion.

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. MADISON WELLS,
Governor of Louisiana.

Mr. Elam, on behalf of the Judiciary Committee, reported favorably on the following entitled bills with amendments:

An act fixing the time of the meeting of the General Assembly,

And to defer until the regular session of the General Assembly,

An act to incorporate the town of Tangipahoa, in the parish of St. Helena; and

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the suits, judgments and business of the United States Provisional Court for the State of Louisiana and for other purposes, approved March 24, 1865; and by substitute,

An act for the relief of the Sheriff of the parish of St. James; and,

Joint resolution ordering the election of all municipal officers for the city of New Orleans.

Mr. Fagot, on behalf of the Special Committee to fix the per diem of the officers of the General Assembly, reported favorably by substitute,

An act fixing the compensation and providing for the payment of the officers, clerks and employees of the General Assembly.

Mr. Eldridge, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, reported favorably, with a recommendation that it pass,

An act to compel persons residing in the vicinity of Port Hudson, east of the Mississippi river, to keep their horses, mules, neat cattle and other live stock within enclosure.

Mr. Elam, on behalf of the Judiciary Committee, reported favorably, with amendments, on

Joint resolutions to provide for the appointment of a special committee to revise the penal laws of the State of Louisiana, and to suggest repeals and amendments thereof and additions thereto, with authority to appoint a clerk, and to sit during the recess of the House.

Mr. Robinson, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Banks and Banking, presented the following memorial and joint resolution, with accompanying statements of the Auditor of Public Accounts:

Joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened:

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, J. Madison Wells, be respectfully requested to forward this memorial to the Congressional delegation at Washington City, and to take such other steps as may, in his judgment, appear best for securing the ends desired.

To His Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States:

The memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, now convened, respectfully represents,

That after the termination of the late hostilities, and the surrender of the Confederate

armies of the Trans-Mississippi Department, in the month of May of the present year, certain bonds in the possession of H. Peralta, then acting as State Auditor, were turned over by him to the Federal military authorities at Shreveport, and by them forwarded through Major General Sheridan to Washington City, where they are now detained and held as captured property. A full description of these bonds, over the signature of the Auditor is appended hereto, designated Nos. 1, 2, 3, and made a part of this memorial.

Your memorialists would further represent that these bonds were purchased by certain banks, (under the State banking law,) and deposited with the Auditor, for the purpose of securing their circulation, and are the property not merely of the banks themselves, but of the note holders, who are the involuntary creditors of said banks. The further detention of these bonds, therefore, keeps the banks in a state of continued insolvency, and deprives the note holders—many of them widows and orphans—from their just relief.

Your memorialists would further represent that these banks have been always loyal; have been almost wholly under the control of the military authorities since their occupation of this city, and have never been libeled for confiscation, nor attainted with treason by either civil or military authorities.

Your memorialists would further represent that the military surveillance over certain banks in this city, having accomplished its original purpose, viz.: the exclusion of all currency but that of the National issue—the further continuance of the same is not only unnecessary, but highly detrimental to the best commercial and planting interests of the State. The Constitution of the State forbids the further granting or extension of any charter for banking or discounting purposes; and all that the present banking institutions desire is to be permitted to liquidate their affairs through the agency of the duly constituted civil courts of the State.

Wherefore your memorialists would most respectfully pray that the bonds, as above described, be restored to the State Auditor of the State of Louisiana, to be held by him according to the provisions of the law, and that the military authorities be directed to release all control over the banks of the State and surrender them to its duly constituted civil authorities.

A message was received from the Senate, through Oscar Arroyo, Esq., Assistant Secretary, requesting the concurrence of the House in the Senate bill entitled:

An act to authorize the Recorders of the different parishes of the State of Louisiana to appoint deputies and to define their powers.

Which, on motion, was taken up, and the rules being suspended, was read three times and concurred in.

Also asking the concurrence of the House in the Senate bill entitled :

An act to prohibit the carrying of firearms on premises or plantations of any citizen without the consent of the owner.

Which was laid over under the rules.

Also requesting the signature of the Speaker to enrolled Senate bill entitled :

Joint resolution to ratify and confirm certain contracts made by the Governor at the instance of the Board of Levee Commissioners.

Also informing the House that the Senate had concurred in House resolutions entitled :

Joint resolutions to provide for a joint committee to examine into the affairs of the railroads in which the State is a stockholder.

And had appointed on said committee, on the part of the Senate Messrs. Mohan, Munday, Lott Wilcoxon and Armstrong.

House bill entitled joint resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to obtain the restitution of bonds and securities taken from the State of Louisiana,

Was taken up and the amendment of the Senate was concurred in.

House bill No. 71, entitled an act to extend relief to wounded and disabled soldiers, was taken up on its second reading.

Mr. Waggaman moved to amend the bill by striking out the words Federal soldiers.

Mr. Williamson moved that a proviso be added that no person should be entitled to relief under this act who is in receipt of a pension from the United States Government, which was accepted by Mr. Waggaman as a substitute for his amendment.

The House then on motion resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the bill and amendment, Mr. McConnell in the Chair.

Upon rising, the committee reported, through Mr. McConnell, chairman, recommending that the bill and amendment be referred to a special committee of five, with instructions to report by bill at 12 o'clock M. to-morrow; and, on his motion, the bill and amendment were so referred, Messrs. McConnell, Waggaman, Williamson, Nelligan and Snider being appointed on said special committee by the Speaker.

Mr. McConnell asked and obtained leave to present a memorial referring to the Canal and Banking Company; and on his motion it was

Resolved, That this memorial be referred to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, with instructions to examine into the matters there mentioned, and recommend such action as they may deem proper to be had in the premises.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named Representatives introduced the following entitled bills, which were passed to their second reading under a suspension of the rules, and referred to appropriate committees, as hereinafter described :

By Mr. S. Anderson—

An act to regulate the bearing of arms.

Referred to the Committee on Militia.

By Mr. Murray—

An act relative to the collection of city taxes in the city of New Orleans in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Richardson—

An act entitled an act for the relief of Frederick Perrin, one of the securities of L. L. Morgan, late Sheriff of the parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana.

Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Voorhies—

An act to amend Article 2255 of the Civil Code.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Solomon—

An act to authorize Mrs. Louisa Bourgeois, wife of Thomas Taquin, to sell a portion of her dotal property.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Addison—

An act authorizing the Recorders of the several parishes throughout the State to appoint deputies, who shall be empowered to do and perform all the acts and duties the Recorder can or may do.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. S. Anderson—

An act for the relief of purchasers of sixteenth sections.

Referred to the Committee on Public Education

By Mr. Whittington—

An act to provide relief for such persons as have not paid, but are liable to pay, as well as those who have paid already the yearly license on trades, professions and occupations within this State during the year 1864, but who have only exercised their trade, profession or occupation during a portion of said year.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hudspeth—

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for increasing the revenue of the State and raise means to pay the interest on the State debt," approved April 4th, 1865.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McEnery—

An act to regulate forced and judicial sales of property in certain cases—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McConnell—

An act to incorporate the Union Express Company—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Elam, chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Judiciary Committee of the House to meet the Judiciary Committee of the Senate in joint session, for the purpose of taking into consideration an act to amend articles 680 and 681 of the civil code, and kindred subjects, with leave to sit during the daily sessions of this House.

On motion of Mr. Scanlan, the House adjourned to to-morrow at 12 o'clock m.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Clerk House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1865. }

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker; and Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson Samuel, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Drake, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Peterson, Phillips, James, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—93 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. K. Gutheim.

The journal of Tuesday, December 12th, was read and approved.

DEATH OF HON. E. B. WHITAKER.

Mr. Green, of Concordia, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is with deep regret, the House of Representatives learn the death of the Hon. E. B. Whitaker, elected by the parish of Concordia on the 6th day of November last, to represent that parish in this body, and which occurred on the 18th day of November last, but a few days after this renewed expression of confidence, on the part of the citizens of his parish by his selection at this particular time to the important and responsible trust of their Representative.

Resolved, That his long and tried patriotism and devotion as a member of former Legislatures from that parish to the interest of his constituents, and the welfare of the State make his loss, at this

particular juncture, truly deplorable for his parish and the councils of the State.

Resolved, That while we regard his example as worthy of our emulation, we tender to his afflicted family our sincere condolence for this sudden bereavement,

In support of the foregoing resolutions Mr. Green said:

Mr. Speaker—I believe that it is customary on the death of a member of this body, to offer by resolutions, some fitting tribute of respect to his memory. With this view, I rise for the purpose of announcing to this House the sudden and unexpected death of the member elected on the 6th day of November last, by the parish of Concordia, to represent that parish in this Legislature.

The Hon. E. B. Whitaker, who had enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens, and had frequently been selected to this high and responsible trust of their Representative, was at the regular election in November last, again selected for that office. It now becomes my painful duty to announce to this House, that in a few days after, he was stricken down by the hand of death.

By this event, Mr. Speaker, this House is called to mourn the loss of one, who has often, with dignity and honor, zealously served his parish in the councils of his State. Honest and patriotic in the discharge of his duties, enlarged and liberal in his views, courteous and dignified in his deportment, this body has lost one of its most useful members; and it cannot but be with regret, this House learns, he has, so soon after this renewed expression of confidence on the part of the citizens of his parish, been elected to appear in another and more august assembly, in which, each of us must individually be soon called to appear. Let us so emulate his virtues and examples, that when that summons is announced, we may be prepared to depart in like manner, with a full conviction of having discharged our whole duty to our country, in these her dark and trying hours of affliction.

In further support of the resolutions Mr. Tucker of St. Mary, said:

Mr. Speaker—In rising to second the adoption of the resolutions of respect to the memory of E. B. Whitaker, deceased, member elect to this House from the parish of Concordia, offered by the honorable Representative from that parish, I take occasion to say that in former years, when the State Capitol was at Baton Rouge, I had the honor of an intimate acquaintance with the deceased, then the Representative of his parish in the General Assembly. Kind, courteous and affable in his disposition, he was prepossessing in his manners, and he won the confidence and commanded the respect of all who knew him. A man of the strictest moral and political integrity, he was modest, frank and sincere, and he devoted

himself to his legislative duties in a manner becoming the faithful Representative of the people. With no narrow local views, he was a faithful guardian of the interests of his own parish, whilst he devoted his best energies to the advancement of the general welfare of the State. He was a true patriot, and for the noble and manly virtues which he illustrated, both in private and public life, he has done honor to his adopted State, and has left behind him a name and example worthy to be cherished in our memories and to be enshrined in our affections.

I second the adoption of the resolutions.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Mr. DeLabarre, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as follows:

On behalf of the Enrolling Committee I have the honor to report, as correctly enrolled, the following:

"Joint resolution to request our Representatives in Congress to obtain the restitution of the bonds and securities taken from the State Treasurer."

Mr. Elam, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill entitled:

An act to amend articles 680 and 681 of the Code of Practice,

As a substitute for the several House bills on the same subject matter, being the bills introduced by Messrs. Drew, Drake, Head and Deporter, numbered respectively 38, 45, 46 and 47.

Mr. Boyce, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Finance, reported on House bill No. 16, entitled:

An act to suspend the assessment and collection of certain State taxes.

Favorably with the following proviso:

Provided, That nothing herein shall exempt the collectors of taxes from settling with the Auditor, as now required by law, for any amount which they may have now collected.

On House bill No. 30, entitled:

An act for the relief of tax-payers. Favorably. On House bill No. 84, entitled:

An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for increasing the revenue of the State and raise means to pay the interest on the State debt, approved April 4th, 1865. Unfavorably.

And on Mr. Bailey's

Resolution instructing the Finance Committee to inform the House of the state of the finances at the earliest practicable moment—

The committee report recommending the adoption of the resolution, which was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Williamson, on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations, reported on joint resolution relative to the restoration of Louisiana to her political status in the Union, unfavorably.

Mr. McConnell, chairman of the special committee of five to whom House bill No. 71, entitled

"an act to extend relief to wounded and disabled soldiers" was referred yesterday, with instructions to report by 12 o'clock this day by bill, made the following report:

The special committee of five to whom was referred the act introduced by Mr. Velligan of Orleans, relative to wounded and disabled soldiers, beg leave to offer for the consideration of this House the following act as a substitute therefor.

On behalf of the committee.

J. McCONNELL, Chairman.

The bill so reported is entitled:

An act to extend relief to Louisiana soldiers who have been wounded or disabled and are in necessitous circumstances.

Mr. Nutt, Chairman of Committee on Freedmen and Labor, reported, on behalf of that committee, on House bill No. 39 entitled

Joint resolution in regard to the encouragement of immigration,

Recommending that the bill be referred to the special committee of five to draft a bill to organize a Bureau of Immigration.

Mr. DeLabarre presented the following memorial, which was read, and on his motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted:

NEW ORLEANS, December 13, 1865.

To the Honorable the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana—Respectfully sheweth, That your petitioners did early in November, previous to this building being tendered to the Governor, engage the hall of the Mechanics' Institute, now occupied by your honorable body, for the purpose of giving a ball for charitable purposes, to take place Saturday evening, December 16th, 1865.

Having made all the arrangements, at a heavy expense, to carry this ball into effect, would, if deprived of the use of this hall, at this late date, subject us to a severe loss and be the means of depriving the widows and orphans of assistance when most needed.

We do hope that your honorable body will view our petition with favor, and pass a resolution to grant us the happy privilege of giving our ball in this hall, on Saturday evening next, under the supervision of the janitor of the Mechanics' Institute, L. Homes; and we will pledge ourselves to have the hall put in the same condition as now early Monday morning at our expense.

And as in duty bound we will ever pray.

A. ESTEIN.

W. KLINGER.

H. F. STURCKEN.

Mr. Drew asked and obtained leave to have the following memorandum spread upon the journal:

The Hon. H. A. Drew, of Claiborne, being absent from the House on Saturday, when the motion to postpone the calling of a Convention was

put to vote, asks leave of the House to spread upon the journal his reasons for voting for a postponement.

His reasons are, that it would be unwise and impolitic, and not in harmony with the duty of this extra session.

Mr. Richards, on behalf of the Committee on Public Buildings, made the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13, 1865.

The Committee on Public Buildings, to which was referred an act appropriating a certain sum of money to defray the expense of fitting up the Mechanics' Institute for the use of the Legislature, beg leave to report in favor of the passage of the same.

NEWTON RICHARDS,

Chairman.

The bill was taken up on motion of Mr. Richards, on its second reading, and the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on appropriations for the consideration of the bill, Mr. Elam in the Chair.

The committee, on rising, reported through its chairman, recommending the adoption of the bill. The report of the committee was adopted, and the rules being suspended, the bill was ordered to be engrossed, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Simonds, Chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported on House bill No. 62, entitled

An act relative to the assessment roll of the parish of Iberville,

Favorably, with an amendment as follows:

Amended by striking out the preamble.

Mr. McDonald, member of the Committee on Elections, reported on behalf of that committee a bill entitled

An act to provide for the election of parish and district officers.

The following named Representatives introduced the following entitled bills, which were read the first and second time, under a suspension of the rules, and disposed of as hereinafter described.

Mr. Holt—

An act extending the charter of Washington Fire Company No. 1 of the city of Baton Rouge.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Deporter—

An act concerning the licensing of drinking houses and the sale of intoxicating liquor in the parish of St. James.

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. McEnery—

An act for the relief of J. N. T. Richardson.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Sambola—

An act to repeal an act amending Article 2653 of the Civil Code.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McEnery—

An act relative to forced surrenders.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

Messages were received from the Senate through Oscar Arroyo, Esq., Assistant Secretary, informing the House that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 56, entitled

Joint resolution relative to the election of Hon. Randall Hunt and Hon. Henry Boyce to the United States Senate as Senators from Louisiana, with an amendment.

The bill was subsequently taken up, and the Senate's amendment concurred in.

Also requesting the concurrence of the House in Senate bill, entitled

An act to amend an act entitled an act relative to judicial and other sales made at public auction.

Which was subsequently taken up, read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill entitled

An act to prohibit the carrying of fire arms on premises or plantations of any citizen, without the consent of the owner,

Underwent its second reading and was laid over under the rules.

House bill No. 42, entitled

Joint resolutions ordering the election of all municipal officers of the City of New Orleans,

Was taken up and the substitute reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, with the same title, was read and adopted in lieu of the original bill. The substitute bill was then, on motion of Mr. Solomon, referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the delegation from the parish of Orleans.

Mr. Williamson moved and obtained a suspension of the rules in order to take up House bill No. 11, entitled

Joint resolution relative to the establishment of postoffices throughout the State;

Which was read. The substitute to the bill, reported by the Committee on Federal Relations, was read and adopted in lieu of the original bill, and, on a further suspension of the rules, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lamarie, House bill No. 15, entitled

Joint resolutions relative to the election of parish officers throughout the State;

Was taken up on its second reading and read. The substitute reported by the Committee on the Judiciary was read and adopted in lieu of the original bill. Mr. Lemarie moved to amend the substitute bill by inserting thirty days, instead of sixty days. Mr. Head moved to amend the amendment by inserting forty-five days instead of sixty days.

Mr. Lagroue called for the reading, for the information of the House, of bill No. 88, reported by the Committee on Elections, entitled

An act to provide for the election of Parish and District officers,
Which was read.

Mr. Leeds moved that the motion to amend be divided, and that the sense of the House be first taken on the motion to strike out the words sixty days. The motion to strike out was then put and lost, and the rules being suspended, the substitute bill was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Thieneman, House bill No. 40, entitled

An act establishing and defining the status of the former slaves of Louisiana, now known as freed-men,

Was taken up out of its regular order on a suspension of the rules.

The bill with the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary was read.

Mr. Thieneman moved that the committee's amendment be laid on the table. Lost. The amendment was adopted and the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Elam, House bill No. 16, entitled

An act to suspend the assessment and collection of certain State taxes,

Was taken up out of its regular order. The amendment reported by the Committee on Finance was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for its third reading. On a suspension of the rules it was read a third time and put upon its final passage, the yeas and nays being called for.

SECOND READINGS.

House bill No. 10 entitled

Joint resolution relative to the emancipation proclamation of Abraham Lincoln was taken up, and the unfavorable report of the Committee on Federal Relations relative to the bill was adopted.

House bill No. 29 entitled

An act to incorporate the town of Tangipahoa in the parish of St. Helena, was taken up and the report of the Judiciary Committee, recommending that the bill be deferred until the next session of the General Assembly, was adopted.

House bill No. 32 entitled

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the suits, judgments and business of the United States Provisional Court for the State of Louisiana and for other purposes, approved March 24th, 1865, was taken up and the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, recommending that the bill be postponed until the regular session of the General Assembly in January next, was adopted.

House bill No. 37, entitled

An act to compel persons residing in the vicinity of Port Hudson, east of the Mississippi river, to keep their horses, mules, neat cattle and other live stock within enclosures, was read a second and third time, engrossed and passed.

House bill No. 44, entitled

An act fixing the compensation and providing for the payment of the officers, clerks and employees of the General Assembly, was taken up and on motion of Mr. Tucker, the substitute reported by special committee to which the bill had been recommitted December 6th, was adopted in lieu of the original bill.

On motion that the substitute bill be read and considered section by section, the first section was read, when Mr. Montgomery moved to amend said section by inserting "two thousand," in place of "fifteen hundred." Mr. Snider moved to lay the amendment on the table, on which motion Messrs. Bensel and Walker called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. J. Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Bensel, Blackman, Couvillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Decker, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Elam, Eldridge, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Green, Head, Holt, Kent, Kelly, Kile, Lemarie, LeBlanc, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, Moreland, Nutt, Peterson, Powell, Prudhomme, Richards, Samba, Seger, Snider, Smith, Stille, Thieneman, Tucker, Walker, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—50 yeas.

Nays—Anderson, Austin, Barry, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Drake, Deporter, Eager, Eustis, Halsey, Harrison, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Hudspeth, Kidd, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McEnery, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Regenberg, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Tete, Thieriot and Whittington—38 nays.

And the amendment was laid on the table.

The section was adopted.

Mr. Stille moved to amend the second section by inserting the words "ten dollars per diem."

The motion was not agreed to, and the second section was adopted.

The third section was adopted.

The fourth section was, on motion of Mr. Drake, so amended as to allow the Warrant Clerk of the House ten dollars per diem, and the section as amended was adopted.

The fifth and sixth sections being likewise adopted, the bill as a whole was adopted, ordered to be engrossed, and was read a third time and passed.

At his request, Mr. DeLamarre was excused from serving on the Special Committee on Police Board, and Mr. Delamore was appointed a member of said committee in his stead.

On motion of Mr. McConnell, pending the call of the yeas and nays on the final passage of House bill No. 16, the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
THURSDAY, December 14, 1865. }

House met at 12 m.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, in the Chair; and Messrs. Anderson of Catahoula, Anderson of Madison, Alverson, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, Deblanc, Delamare, DeLabarre, Decker, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaiser, Gantt, Green, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Holt, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McNenery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—94 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Father Jeremiah Moynihan.

The journal of Wednesday, December 13th, was read and approved.

Mr. Lemarie moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House yesterday passed bill No. 44, entitled an act fixing the compensation, and providing for the payment of the officers, clerks and employees of the General Assembly.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

On motion of Mr. Halsey it was

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee of this House be instructed to inquire into the expediency and legality of relief against debts and obligations created for slaves set free, or other property destroyed by the late war, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Snider offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five, members of the House, and — members of the Senate, be appointed to select from the calendar the bills of general and public interest for the consideration and immediate action of the General Assembly.

Mr. Boyce, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be given to the Committee on Finance to employ a Clerk during the session.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication relative to the death of the Hon. E. B. Whitaker, Representative elect from the parish of Concordia:

The citizens of Concordia parish, La., having met at Vidalia on the 20th November, 1865, to attend court, deemed the occasion a fitting one to

pay a tribute of respect to the memory of their Representative, Hon. E. B. Whitaker, lately deceased.

At this meeting R. M. Gibson, Esq., was called to the chair, and C. B. Wheeler appointed Secretary.

The following resolutions, introduced by Mr. McDowell, were unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, An all-wise Providence has seen fit to end the earthly career of our neighbor, friend, legislator, Hon. E. B. Whitaker, who, as a private citizen and an oft-tried public servant, was endeared to all; therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply lament his death as an irreparable loss, not only to his family, his friends, to us all, but to those legislative councils which he has so often adorned with his wisdom and eloquence.

Resolved, That, cut off in the prime of a vigorous manhood which promised an old age, even more fruitful of benefits to his country, we will hold his patriotic endeavors and social qualities in lasting remembrance, and keep our own hearts alive with patriotic ardor and generous emotion by the memory of his example.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and be published in the Natchez Courier.

R. M. GIBSON, Chairman.

C. B. WHEELER, Secretary.

VIDALIA, LA., Nov. 20, 1865.

Mr. Thieneman offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That a committee of five on the part of the House and — on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report at the next regular session of the Legislature a bill founding a soldiers' home for the State of Louisiana; which home, suitably officered, shall be located in the city of New Orleans or its neighborhood, to be governed by such rules and regulations as will admit all Louisianians, whether by birth or adoption, who may have become disabled and destitute in any of the wars from and including the year 1812 up to the present time, and also those Louisianians who may become disabled and destitute in any future wars of the United States, and who are not pensioned or provided for by the United States Government. Said soldiers' home to be founded and maintained by voluntary contributions and bequests from citizens and others in or out of the State, and to be fostered and encouraged by donations from the State, as the Legislatures thereof may from time to time deem proper, in the same proportion as to other charitable institutions now existing within the State.

The resolution was adopted and Messrs. Thiencman, Waggaman, Peterson, Murray and Freret were appointed by the Speaker as members of the said joint committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Robinson, Chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported:

That the mass of documentary evidence now accumulating before this committee forbids the preparation of a complete report at this extra session, and asks that the committee be empowered to sit during the vacation, and to send for persons and papers, in order that a full report may be ready at an early day of the regular session.

Permission was granted.

Mr. DeLabarre, Chairman, on behalf the Enrolling Committee, reported as correctly enrolled the following House bills:

"Joint resolution relative to the election of the Hon. Randell Hunt and of the Hon. Henry Boyce as Senators from the State of Louisiana, to the United States Senate."

The Speaker announced, on the Senate resolution for the appointment or a special committee of both Houses to select a site for a State House, the following Representatives as members of said special committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Richards, Eager, Ormond, Holt, McCloskey, Prudhomme and Smith.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Labranche introduced a bill entitled:

Joint resolution for the payment of \$595 to Ursin Jacob, State Tax Collector for the parish of St. John Baptist, during the year 1862.

Which, on a suspension of the rules, was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Regenber, Chairman of the Committee on Education, on behalf of the said committee, introduced a bill entitled:

An act to abolish the office of Superintendent of Public Education, and to assign the duties of said office to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. McEnery, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Harrison of Morehouse, owing to the serious and dangerous illness of a brother.

Mr. Murray offered a joint resolution granting certain powers to the Joint Committee of both Houses on Railroads, which was adopted, and on his motion, sent to the Senate for concurrence.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Elam, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on the following bills:

An act authorizing the recorders of the several parishes throughout the State to appoint deputies, who shall be empowered to do and perform all the duties the recorder can or may do.

An act to amend an act entitled an act relative to judicial and other sales made at public auction. And unfavorably on

An act to amend article 2255 of the Civil Code.

An act to authorize Mrs. Louisa Bourgeois, wife of Thomas Taquino, to sell a portion of her dotal property; and

An act relative to forced surrenders.

And unfavorably, by a majority of the committee, on

An act to regulate forced and judicial sales of property in certain cases.

And unfavorably, because it is inconsistent with the 121st article of the Constitution, on

An act extending the charter of Washington Fire Company No. 1, of the city of Baton Rouge; and

An act to incorporate the Union Express Company.

And favorably, by substitute, on

An act to repeal an act amending article 2653 of the Civil Code.

Mr. Gates, on behalf of the Committee on Claims, reported the committee unanimously in favor of

An act for the relief of B. Bloomfield.

And unfavorably on

An act for the relief of Thomas P. Farrar, District Attorney pro tem. Twelfth Judicial District;

And unfavorably, for want of evidence, on

Memorial of Jean Bethancourt, praying for relief;

And, with the recommendation that it be postponed to the regular session—

An act for the relief of J. N. T. Richardson.

Mr. Tete, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, reported favorably on

An act to extend the limits of the corporation of Donaldsonville.

Mr. Richards, on behalf of the Committee on Public Buildings, made the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14, 1865.

The Committee on Public Buildings, to which was referred the joint resolution of the Senate, asking the concurrence of the House in the appointment of a special committee, to which shall be referred that part of the Governor's Message relative to the procuring a site for the erection of a State House, beg leave respectfully to report in favor of the same, and recommend that the blank number be filled with seven. Respectfully submitted.

NEWTON RICHARDS,
Chairman.

And on motion the report of the Committee was adopted, and the Senate resolution concurred in.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

A message was received from the Senate through O. Arroyo, Esq., Assistant Secretary, announcing the Senate's concurrence in House joint resolution requesting the Governor to forward the memorial

in relation to certain bonds and securities belonging to sundry corporations of the State, and in the accompanying memorial.

Also, announcing that the President had signed House bill No. 56, entitled—

Joint resolution relative to the election of the Hon. Randell Hunt and the Hon. Henry Boyce to the Senate of the United States as Senators from Louisiana.

Also, requesting the concurrence of the House in six Senate bills, entitled—

1. An act to provide for the punishment of persons tampering with, persuading or enticing away, harboring, secreting or feeding laborers or apprentices.

Which was concurred in, the title being first amended by inserting the word "servants" after the word "laborers."

2. An act to provide for and regulate labor contracts for agricultural purposes.

Which underwent its first reading.

3. An act to punish in certain cases the employers of laborers or apprentices:

4. An act relative to apprentices and indentured servants.

5. An act relative to the State penitentiary.

6. An act fixing the day of meeting of the General Assembly.

Also requesting the signature of the Speaker to Senate bill entitled:

An act to authorize Recorders in the several parishes to appoint deputies and to define their duties.

Also announcing that the President of the Senate had signed House enrolled bill No. 51, entitled:

Joint resolution to request our Representatives in Congress to obtain the restitution of the bonds and securities taken from the State Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. McConnell, Chairman of the Special Committee of Five, to which had been referred House bill No. 71, introduced by Mr. Nelligan, entitled "an act to extend relief to wounded and disabled soldiers," the substitute bill, reported by said committee, entitled

An act to extend relief to Louisiana soldiers who have been wounded or disabled, and are in necessitous circumstances,

Was taken up and adopted, in lieu of the original bill, and, on a suspension of the rules, the substitute bill underwent its first, second and third readings, and was passed, the title being amended by the addition of the words "and the indigent widows and orphans of Louisiana soldiers."

On motion of Mr. Fenner, Senate bill entitled

An act to amend an act, entitled "an act relative to judicial and other sales made at public auction."

Was taken up and concurred in.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

House bill No. 16, entitled:

An act to suspend the assessment and collection of certain State taxes

Was taken up, on motion of Mr. Elam, pending a call for the yeas and nays on its final passage by Messrs. Bensel and Bailey. The vote was taken with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Barry, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Elam, Eldridge, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Green, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Hays, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranch, Lagroue, Laurent, Lemaire, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Sambola, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Tucker, Voorhies, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—87 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Eager, Eustis, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Leeds, McKelvey, McCloskey, Nelligan, Peterson, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Richards, Scanlan, Simonds and Thieneman—16 nays.

And the bill was passed.

Mr. McConnell moved to reconsider the vote on the final passage of the bill, and Mr. Elam moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, on which motion to lay on the table Messrs. Bailey and Scanlan called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. J. Anderson, Samuel Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Barry, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Drake, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Elam, Eldridge, Ewing, Fagot, Fishburn, Gates, Green, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hays, Hudspeth, Kent, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Laurent, LeBlanc, Martin, Meredith, McEnery, McDonald, Moreland, Montgomery, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Rogers, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Tete, Theriot, Tucker, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—66 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Bailey, Bonnabel, Davenport, Eager, Eustis, Edwards, Fenner, Freret, Fulda, Gaisser, Hanlon, Henderson, Higgins, Jonas, Kelly, Leeds, Lemaire, Lewis, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McConnell, McCloskey, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Richards, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Solomon, Thieneman and Voorhies—36 nays.

Mr. Bensel being excused from voting at his own request.

On motion of Mr. Williamson the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock m.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,

Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Friday, December 15, 1865. }

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

Present, the Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Green, Gottschalk, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, James Phillips, Powell, Pujó, Prudhomme, Reagenberg, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—101 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Palmer.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Boyce, chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported favorably on House bills 28 and 77, entitled

An act for the relief of tax payers.

An act relative to the collection of city taxes in the city of New Orleans in certain cases.

By substitute entitled

An act to suspend the collection of taxes on lands and houses in the possession of the Governor.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Snider, Lagroue, Stille, Drew and Fenner, as members on the part of the House of the Joint Committee to select from the calendar bills of public interest for the consideration of the General Assembly, as provided for by Mr. Snider's resolution as adopted yesterday.

Mr. DeLabarre on behalf of the Enrolling Committee made the following report:

On behalf of the Enrolling Committee, I have the honor to report that Mr. Louis Allain, on account of severe sickness, having declined the office of Translator to which he had been elected by your committee, that his office was declared vacant and that the Enrolling Committee have elected in his place Mr. Leonce Burthe as Translator on the part of the House.

Mr. Williamson, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations, reported on House bill No. 65, introduced by Mr. Fenner, entitled

Joint resolution adopting the constitutional amendment,

Favorably, with the following amendment: insert at the end of the seventh line the words "with the express understanding that," and strike out the word "resolved," in the next line.

The bill was subsequently taken up out of its regular order, on motion of Mr. Fenner, who accepted the amendment of the committee, and moved the engrossment of the bill for its third reading, Mr. Elam in the Chair.

Mr. Stille moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely, and on his motion called for the yeas and nays, which call was seconded by Mr. Snider, and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Alverson, Bailey, Barry, Brown, Bruton, Delamore, DeLabarre, Decker, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Gates, Green, Head, Hatch, Hays, Holt, Hudspeth, Kent, Labranche, Laurent, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Nutt, Powell, Pujó, Richards, Rogers, Simonds, Snider, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Walker, Waddell and Weeks—45 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Bensel, Blackman, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, Deporter, Drew, Eager, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Fishburn, Fulda, Gaisser, Halsey, Jonas, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Lagroue, Leeds, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Ormond, Peterson, Alf. Phillips, Jas. Phillips, Prudhomme, Reagenberg, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Smith, Scott, Voorhies and Williamson—45 nays.

The Chairman, Mr. Elam, voted no, and the motion to postpone indefinitely was lost.

Mr. Couvillon offered a substitute pending the following resolution offered by Mr. Snider:

Resolved, That the further consideration of this question be postponed until Monday next and made the special order of the day at 1 o'clock p. m., and that his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to communicate to this House any information of an official character in relation to the constitutional amendment received by him from the United States Government; and, whether, in his opinion the adoption of said amendment by this General Assembly is necessary to our full admission into the Federal Union.

The Chairman ruled the substitute out of order pending a motion to postpone to a day certain.

The resolution of Mr. Snider was accepted by the originator of the bill. Mr. Scanlan moved that the resolution to postpone to Monday next be laid on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The substitute of Mr. Couvillon being then in order, Mr. Delamore moved that the substitute be laid on the table; on which motion to lay on the

table, Messrs. Couvillon and Stille called for the yeas and nays with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson Samuel, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Bruton, Collins, Davenport, Drake, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Eldridge, Ewing, Fagot, Fenner, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Green, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—84 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Couvillon, Decker, Edwards, Kent and Stille—5 nays.

And the substitute was laid on the table.

Mr. McConnell moved the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and pending the motion that the bill be engrossed for its third reading, Mr. Fenner moved an adjournment.

The motion to adjourn was withdrawn to enable Mr. Ditto to ask leave of absence for Mr. Buie for the remainder of the session, which was granted.

SENATE MESSAGES.

A message was received from the Senate through O. Arroyo, Esq., Assistant Secretary, requesting the concurrence of the House in the following bills:

An act to amend and re-enact the 121st section of an act entitled an act relative to crimes and offenses, approved March 14th, 1865.

An act to prevent trespassing.

An act providing for the licensing of druggists and apothecaries.

An act making an appropriation for the expense of the Land Office for the fiscal year ending the 31st of December, 1865.

An act suspending the sale of swamp and overflowed lands; and

An act to organize the militia of this State.

And, on motion of Mr. Williamson, the last mentioned bill was taken up, and the rules being first suspended, was read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Militia.

A further message was received from the Senate through O. Arroyo, Assistant Secretary, announcing that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 55.

An act appropriating a certain sum of money to defray the expense of fitting up the Mechanics' Institute for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. Collins presented a report of the Board of Administrators of the Asylum for the Insane, which was referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Tete, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, on House bill No 90 of Mr. Deporter entitled

An act concerning the licensing of drinking houses, and the sale of intoxicating liquors in the parish of St. James, reported favorably.

On motion of Mr. Lemarie, his bill No. 42, entitled

Joint resolutions ordering the election of all municipal officers of the city of New Orleans, was taken up and the substitute bill, reported by the New Orleans delegation, constituting a special committee, was adopted in lieu of the original bill, and the rules being suspended, the substitute bill passed its second reading.

Mr. Solomon explained the fact that he had declined acting as the chairman of the special committee consisting of the New Orleans delegation, and moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next regular session.

On motion of Mr. Fagot, Mr. Solomon's motion to postpone was laid on the table. The bill was then read a third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Couvillon offered joint resolutions providing for the adjournment *sine die* of the General Assembly on Tuesday, December 19th.

On the adoption of which resolution Messrs. Bensel and Ewing called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. J. Anderson, Barry, Bensel, Blackman, Bruton, Couvillon, Davenport, Drake, Delamore, Decker, Drew, Ditto, Duffel, Eldridge, Eustis, Ewing, Fagot, Fenner, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelley, Kidd, Laurent, Leeds, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, Powell, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Scanlan, Seger, Snider, Thieneman, Voorhies, Wiltz, Waddell and Weeks—57 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Brown, Collins, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Duralde, Dugas, Eastin, Elam, Edwards, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Harrison, Holt, Kent, Labranche, Lagroue, Lemarie, LeBlanc, McKelvey, Montgomery, Pujo, Roman, Rogers, Simonds, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman and Williamson—43 nays.

And the resolution was adopted and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Leave being granted, Mr. Tucker introduced House bill No. 108, entitled

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

An act to suspend the laws of the State providing for the forced sale of property except in certain cases.

Lays over under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Kent Senate bill entitled an act to prohibit the carrying of fire arms, etc., was taken up, passed its several reading, and was concurred in under a suspension of the rules.

And then, on motion of Mr. Fenner, the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock m.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
New Orleans, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1865. }

The House met at 12 m.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Alverson, Bailey, Barry, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Drake, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Decker, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lewis, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips J., Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenber, Richards, Rogers, Ryan, Sambola, Scanlan, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—95 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Hedges.

The journal of Friday, December 15th, was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. DeLabarre the Senate was requested to return to the House,

Mr. Couvillon's resolution fixing the adjournment *sine die* of the General Assembly for Tuesday, the 19th instant, which was returned accordingly.

Mr. DeLabarre, chairman, on behalf of the Enrolling Committee, reported as correctly enrolled:

"An act appropriating a certain sum of money to defray the expense of fitting up the Mechanics' Institute for the use of the Legislature."

Mr. LeBlanc offered resolution providing for the payment of \$250 to U. D. Terrebonne, for extra service as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House at and before the opening of the present session.

Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Wiltz presented the petition of F. Lambert, praying for compensation for recording the debates of the State Convention.

Referred to the Committee on Claims, no certificate of the Secretary of State being annexed, as recited in the body of the petition.

Mr. Waggaman reported favorably, on behalf of the Committee on Military Affairs, on Senate bill entitled

An act to organize the militia of the State.

On motion of Mr. Murray, the report from the Board of Administrators of the Insane Asylum was withdrawn from the Committee on Charitable Institutions, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Boyce, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, reported bills Nos. 113 and 114, entitled

An act making appropriations for the remainder of the year 1865; and

An act to provide for the collection of certain taxes.

On motion of Mr. Elam, leave of absence for the remainder of the present extra and special session was granted to the Hon. W. F. Moreland of Claiborne; and

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, like leave of absence was granted to the Hon. H. W. Drake of Tensas.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
New Orleans, Dec. 15, 1865. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I am instructed by his Excellency the Governor to inform the House that he has approved and signed

"Joint resolution to request our Representatives in Congress to obtain the restitution of the bonds and securities taken from the State Treasurer."

"Joint resolution relative to the election of the Hon. Randell Hunt and the Hon. Henry Boyce as Senators from the State of Louisiana to the United States Senate."

N. C. SNETHEN,
Private Secretary.

SENATE MESSAGES.

A message was received from the Senate, through the Secretary, H. B. Kelly, requesting the concurrence of the House in Senate bills:

An act to provide for filling vacancies in the office of the Clerk of the District Courts in this State.

An act to provide for the liquidation of certain banks.

An act to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to employ an additional clerk in his office; and

An act authorizing the construction of a railroad, canal and bridges by the American Rock Salt Company, connecting the salt mine in the parish of St. Mary with points affording easy navigation, with cession of State lands for the location of the same.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, the rules were suspended, and the last-mentioned bill taken up on its several readings, and concurred in.

A further message was received from the Senate, through O. Arroyo, Esq., announcing that the Senate had concurred in

An act to compel persons residing in the vicinity of Port Hudson, east of the Mississippi river, to keep their horses, mules, neat cattle and other live stock within enclosures;

And requesting the signature of the Speaker to the following entitled Senate enrolled bills:

An act to prohibit the carrying of firearms on premises or plantations of any citizen without the consent of the owner.

And an act to amend an act, entitled "an act relative to judicial and other sales made at public auction."

On motion of Mr. Nutt, the following Senate messages on first reading were taken up, and the rules being suspended, were read second and third time and concurred in:

An act to provide for and regulate labor contracts for agricultural pursuits.

An act to punish in certain cases the employers of laborers or servants.

An act relative to apprentices and indentured servants.

An act to amend and re-enact the one hundred and twenty-first section of an act entitled "an act relative to crimes and offenses, approved March 14, 1865."

And an act to prevent trespassing.

On motion of Mr. Elam, the House reconsidered its action on

An act relative to apprentices and indentured servants.

And on further motion of Mr. Elam the second section was amended by inserting after the word "stipulate" in the second section the words "as domestic servants," and the bill as amended was, on motion, read second and third time, and the rules being suspended was concurred in as amended.

On motion of Mr. Elam the Clerk was instructed to inform the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing bills.

On motion of Mr. Halsey the following resolution was adopted after having been amended by Mr. Gaisser, by providing for the printing of one thousand copies in German:

Resolved, That five thousand copies of acts passed by this General Assembly and known as Senate bills Nos. 58, 96, 59, 62, 61 and 63, providing for and regulating laws with regard to labor, vagrancy, etc., be printed in pamphlet form for immediate distribution. Three thousand in the English, and one thousand in the French language, and one thousand in German.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Representatives introduced the following entitled bills which were read and disposed of as hereinafter mentioned:

By Mr. Walker—

An act to amend sections first and second of an act entitled an act to define the duties and fix the compensation of Tax Collectors, approved March 24th, 1865.

Read first time and laid over.

By Mr. Scott—

An act to establish an election precinct in Kennerlyville, parish of Jefferson.

And, on motion of Mr. Scott, the rules were suspended, and the bill read first, second and third time and passed.

Mr. DeLabarre moved to adjourn to Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Austin, on behalf of the Committee on Printing, asked to make his report out of the regular order, which was granted, and he made the following report:

To the Hon. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report unfavorably on the resolution of Mr. Bailey, of New Orleans, for the following reasons:

Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the cost of printing now is much greater than heretofore, owing to the high prices of labor, material, etc.

The Committee are impressed with the conviction that the act approved January 7th, 1865, entitled an act to define the duties and fix the compensation of State Printer, regulates the matter entirely, and such regulation accords with their views on the subject at present, except so much of item second, section tenth of said act as provides that "there shall be five hundred copies of the journals of each House in book form in the English language only, in brevier type, solid, etc.," and in addition your Committee respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That there shall be five hundred copies of the journals of each House, in book form, in the French language, in brevier type, solid; the pages to be sixty-nine lines in length, including running title, white line under it and foot line. Each page to contain two columns, the lines of each column to be not less than nineteen ems in length; the book to be covered and stitched in the same manner as the laws, and delivered within the time fixed by law. The compensation for which shall be three dollars per page, for five hundred copies, including everything. Each additional two hundred and fifty copies, one dollar per page.

J. E. AUSTIN,
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, the special order of day being Mr. Fenner's House bill No. 65, entitled joint resolution adopting the constitutional amendment, was taken up.

On motion to pass the bill on its third reading, Mr. Tucker moved that the motion be laid on the table.

On which motion to lay on the table, Messrs, Stille and Walker called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Alverson, Barry, Brown, DeLa-barre, Decker, Ditto, Duffel, Eldridge, Green, Head, Hudspeth, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, McDonald, Nutt, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Seger, Snider, Stille, Thieneman, Tucker and Walker—25 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Austin, Addison, Bailey, Blackman, Bonnabel, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Halsey, Higgins, Holt, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, J. Phillips, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Sambola, Scanlan, Smith, Scott, Solomon, Theriot, Voorhies, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—62 nays.

The House refusing to lay the bill on the table, the bill was read a third time and put upon its final passage, on which Messrs. Tucker and Snider called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson Samuel, Austin, Addison, Bailey, Blackman, Bonnabel, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gottschalk, Halsey, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Jonas, Kelly, Kile, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Moreland, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Ormond, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Regenberg, Richards, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Smith, Scott, Solomon, Theriot, Voorhies, Williamson and Waddell—61 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Alverson, Barry, Brown, DeLa-barre, Decker, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Eldridge, Green, Head, Hatch, Hudspeth, Kent, Labranche, Lewis, Martin, McDonald, Nutt, Peterson, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Rogers, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Stille, Thieneman, Tucker and Walker—31 nays.

During the call of the yeas and nays, permission was given to Representatives to explain their reasons for their votes, and to have the same entered on the journal of the House, as follows:

I vote against the passage of the bill, as I consider it to be entirely unnecessary, having already been passed by a previous Legislature, and the present bill containing, in its second section, pro-

visions likely to bring us uselessly in opposition with the General Government.

A. W. WALKER.

I concur in the above reasons for my voting against the resolution.

ROBERT B. STILLE.

I do not object to the ratification of the first section of the proposed amendment; but I vote against the adoption of the article as proposed, because I fear that the second section will be construed as making a positive grant to Congress, of a power that may be used to destroy one of the fundamental principles and main safeguards of a Federal Union of States.

L. E. SIMONDS.

Mr. DeLaBarre desired to have his name recorded as concurring with Mr. Simonds in the above statement.

A previous Legislature, under the authority of the Constitution of 1864, and having the same powers that we now have, having already adopted the constitutional amendment in regard to slavery I consider all further action in the premises as unnecessary.

J. V. DURALDE.

The bill was passed and the title approved.

On motion of Mr. McConnell the House adjourned to Monday, Dec. 18th, at 12 o'clock m.

T. L. MAXWELL,

Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
MONDAY, December 18, 1865. }

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson Samuel, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Benschel, Blackman, Boyce, Buie, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLaBarre, Drew, Ditto, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Hanlon, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Lagroue, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, Nelligan, Nutt, Peterson, Phillips James, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—97 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Leacock.

The journal of Saturday, December 16th, was read and approved.

Mr. S. P. DeLaBarre, chairman, on behalf of the Enrolling Committee, has the honor to report as correctly enrolled the following:

An act to suspend the assessment and collection of certain State taxes.

An act to compel persons residing in the vicinity of Port Hudson, east of the Mississippi river, to keep their horses, mules, neat cattle and other live stock within enclosures.

Also joint resolution for the relief of Honorable Joachim Bermudez.

A communication was received from A. F. Wrotnowski petitioning for compensation for services in copying the laws of 1864, while acting as chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. McCloskey, the petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Alverson presented the following joint resolution:

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Resolved, the Senate concurring, That the joint committee of the two Houses appointed for the purpose of selecting a location for the erection of a State House, before completing any contracts for that purpose, and before purchasing any grounds or buildings having in view the permanent location of a State Capitol, are instructed to visit Baton Rouge before the regular meeting of the General Assembly in January, to examine into the condition of the State House at that place, to summon architects and builders for the purpose of ascertaining the cost of restoring that building to its former condition, and to report at the meeting of the General Assembly in January next, whether or not, in their opinion, economy does not demand the seat of Government to be restored to the place selected by an overwhelming vote of the people, who in 1852 determined upon its permanent location.

Mr. Duralde moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Duralde, chairman of the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, to whom was referred the communication of J. A. Blanc, lessee and superintendent of the canal, shell-road and other property, belonging to the New Orleans Canal and Banking Company, and which, by the terms of its charter, are to be surrendered to the State on the fifth day of March, 1866, beg respectfully to submit the annexed reports of the sub-committees and the following resolutions.

J. V. DURALDE,

Chairman.

The undersigned, sub-committee of the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, appointed to examine the charter of "The New Orleans, Canal and Banking Company," with the view of ascertaining the obligations of said Company towards the State upon surrendering the canal, road and other works to the State, pursuant to the provisions of the charter, beg leave to re-

port that the charter was granted and approved March 5th, 1831; that by the eighth section of the charter the said company is required to "construct a canal of the width of sixty feet at the top of the water, and of a sufficient depth to admit vessels drawing six feet water from some part of the city or suburbs of New Orleans, above the Gravier Canal, to Lake Pontchartrain, with one or more basins, and a sufficient breakwater to facilitate the ingress and egress of vessels, and to keep the same in repair."

Section fourteen requires the company to "construct a levee on the upper side of said canal, to protect the same from overflow in the event of the river breaking through the levee at any point above"; and also, to "lay out a road not less than twenty-five feet wide along the whole line of said canal, and cover the same with sand, shells, or other hard substance, so that it may at all times be suitable for carriages to travel thereon, with a suitable draining canal on the upper side thereof," and to erect one or more toll-gates on said road.

Section thirty-six requires said company to "make and keep in repair a suitable draw bridge over that part of the canal which shall cross the public road at the Metairie, and bridges suitable for the passing of carriages where the said canal shall intersect any of the streets in the suburbs of New Orleans, now established."

Section twenty-six provides "that from and after the expiration of thirty-five years after the passage of this act, the property in the said canal and road, with all the land on each side which it has a right to acquire by forced sale, and which it does acquire by forced sale or otherwise, to the extent of one hundred and twenty feet on each side of the canal, together with the machines and utensils belonging to the canal, as also the house of the toll receiver, shall be vested in the State of Louisiana, with all the rights to receive tolls therefrom, which are hereby granted to the said company, and in the situation required by the eighth and fourteenth sections of this act."

In view of these provisions in the charter, it is clear that when this canal, road and other property are surrendered to the State on the 5th of March next, they must be in the condition required by the terms of the charter, and if any repairs be necessary to put them in that condition, these repairs must be made by the New Orleans Canal and Banking Company, previous to the surrender of the property, or they must be made at their expense. Respectfully submitted;

A. L. TUCKER,

Chairman of Sub-Committee.

The undersigned, appointed by the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, to examine and report to them the condition of the canal and shell road belonging to the New Orleans Canal and

Banking Company, and to revert to the State in March next, would report,

That in the discharge of that duty, they have made a cursory examination of the works referred to, and would state in general terms, they are in a very bad condition; needing large and expensive repairs, particularly on the lake end of the canal. The embankments of this portion of the works, extending some 1800 feet into the lake, are without any adequate protection, are badly washed—in many instances almost entirely through them. Brush and other like substances have been placed in the most of these washes, for their temporary security, but in their present condition, unless some general and extensive system of repairs are commenced and perfected, there is an almost certainty of—at an early day—their utter destruction. The piling and planking are decayed—in many instances entirely gone—and every wave which beats against it from the lake, carries back some portion of the earth constituting the embankment.

The road also, is in a very bad condition, requiring large and expensive repairs.

The undersigned would report therefore, as the results of their very hasty examination, that the information which it would be necessary for the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, to be in possession of, before any safe and judicious recommendation can be made to the Legislature for their action in the premises, can only be obtained from a full and thorough survey of the two works, by some competent engineer, accompanied by specifications and estimates of the costs of such repairs.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. GREEN,
CHAS. DAVENPORT,
A. W. WALKER.

New Orleans, Dec. 16, 1865.

I would add that the dredge boat and mud flats are entirely worn out and useless.

A. W. WALKER.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the State Engineer be, and he is hereby directed to make a full and careful examination and survey of the canal, shell road, and other works belonging to the New Orleans Canal and Banking Company, and which by the terms of its charter, are to revert to the State on the 5th day of March 1866, and that he make a full report of their condition, with estimates of the cost of repairs necessary to place them in the condition required by the terms of the charter of the bank.

That the said engineer be directed to furnish the Governor with a copy of his report and estimate, so soon as completed.

That the Governor be requested to serve or the President and Directors of the said bank a copy of these resolutions, with the report and estimates of cost of repairs, to be presented to him by the State Engineer, with a notification that the President and Directors of the said bank shall be required to return the said canal, road, and other property, in the condition required by the terms of the charter of said bank.

On motion of Mr. Duralde, the resolutions were taken up out of their regular order, and on a suspension of the rules, underwent their several readings and were adopted.

The Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, through their chairman, Mr. Duralde, reported favorably on House bill No. 59, entitled

Joint resolution referring to the appointment of a commissioner to examine all levees in the parish of Morehouse heretofore constructed by the State; to make a reconnoissance of the west bank of Boeuf River below Point Jefferson, from that point to the lower mouth of Old River.

Mr. Richards, on behalf of the Committee on Public Buildings, reported favorably on

Preamble and resolution requesting the Sergeant-at-Arms to make alterations in the lobby, etc., for the accommodation of the public, with an amendment.

Mr. Boyce, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, reported a bill entitled

An act supplemental to an act for increasing the revenue of the State, and raise the means to pay the interest on the State debt.

Mr. Waggaman, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Military Affairs, reported unfavorably on House bill No. 76, entitled

An act to regulate the bearing of arms.

Mr. McEnery introduced a bill entitled

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Ouachita Female Academy, in the town of Monroe.

Which, on his motion, the rules being suspended, underwent its several readings, and was passed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kent, Senate bill entitled

An act extending the time for bringing up appeals in certain cases to the Supreme Court from the District Courts outside of the parish of Orleans,

Was taken up on a suspension of the rules, and after being amended, on motion of Mr. McConnell, by striking out of the first section the words "parish of Orleans excepted," the bill was concurred in, and the title was amended by striking out the words, "outside the parish Orleans."

On motion of Mr. Snider, Senate bill entitled

An act fixing the day of meeting of the General Assembly was taken up, on a suspension of the rules, and was, on his motion, amended by adding a section, as follows:

SEC. 2 *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Mr. Couvillon moved to amend the bill further by fixing the second Monday in January, in lieu of the fourth. Laid on the table.

Mr. Couvillon moved to amend by fixing the third Monday in January, in lieu of the fourth. Laid on the table.

On a further suspension of the rules, the bill was read a third time and concurred in, the title being amended, on motion of Mr. Snider, by inserting the word "changing," in lieu of the word "fixing."

SENATE MESSAGES.

A message was received from the Senate, through H. B. Kelly, Esq., Secretary, requesting the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bills:

An act for the relief of E. L. Jewell.

An act extending the time for bringing up appeals in certain cases to the Supreme Court from the District Courts, outside of the parish of Orleans.

An act to punish any person or persons who shall encourage or excite an insurrection or revolt in the State.

And an act for the relief of John Pratt.

And announcing that the President of the Senate had signed the following enrolled House bills:

Joint resolution for the relief of Joachim Bernudez.

An act to compel persons in the vicinity of Port Hudson, east of the Mississippi river, to keep their horses, mules, neat cattle and other live stock within enclosures.

And an act appropriating a certain sum of money to defray the expense of fitting up the Mechanics' Institute for the use of the Legislature.

And requesting the signature of the Speaker of the House to the following enrolled Senate bills:

An act to provide for and regulate labor contracts for agricultural purposes.

An act to punish in certain cases the employers of laborers or apprentices.

An act relative to apprentices and indentured servants.

An act to prevent trespassing.

An act to amend and re-enact the one hundred and twenty-first section of an act entitled an act relative to crimes and offenses, approved March 14th, 1865; and

An act authorizing the construction of a railroad, canal and bridge by the American Rock Salt Company, connecting the salt mines of the parish of St. Mary with points affording easy navigation, with cession of State lands for the location of the same.

And that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 16.

An act to suspend the collection and assessment of certain State taxes.

And requesting the concurrence of the House in an act to create a homestead exemption.

And that the Senate had concurred in House amendment to Senate bill entitled

An act to provide for the punishment of persons for tampering with, persuading or enticing away, harboring, feeding or secreting laborers or apprentices; and

An act relative to apprentices and indentured servants.

Mr. Blackman offered a resolution relative to the release of Jefferson Davis, and on the motion to adopt the same

Mr. Kidd offered as a substitute

Joint resolutions relative to the pardon of Jefferson Davis.

Which substitute was accepted by Mr. Blackman, and pending the motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of passing the joint resolutions,

Mr. Thieneman offered

Preamble and resolution exculpating Jefferson Davis from the charge of treason, and the rules being suspended, on motion of

Mr. Snider the whole matter was referred to a special committee of five members of the House.

And the Speaker appointed on said committee Messrs. Snider, Drew, Jonas, Leeds, and Gottschalk.

Mr. Williamson introduced a bill entitled

An act to amend the first section of an act entitled "an act relative to forced surrenders and the mode of making them."

The rules being suspended the bill was read twice.

Amendments were offered by Messrs. Fenner and McConnell which were accepted by Mr. Williamson.

On motion of Mr. Bailey the bill as amended was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Tucker moved that the rules be suspended in order to take up House bill No. 108, entitled

An act to suspend the laws of this State providing for the forced sale of property, except in certain cases.

Pending which motion the House, on motion of Mr. Scanlan, adjourned to to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,

Clerk of House of Representative.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1865. }

The House met at 10 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Alverson, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Collins, Davenport, De-

blanc, Delamore, Duffel, Dugas, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Fishburn, Green, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Higgins, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Laurent, Meredith, McEnery, Montgomery, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Robinson, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Whittington, Williamson and Waddell—52 Representatives.

No quorum being present, the House took an informal recess until 10½ o'clock, when the roll was called the second time, and the following members were present:

The Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson Samuel, Alverson, Bailey, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Deblanc, Delamore, DeLabarre, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Edwards, Fishburn, Fulda, Gaisser, Green, Hanlon, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Kile, Labranche, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lewis, Meredith, McEnery, McDonald, McGee, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips J., Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Rogers, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Whittington, Wiltz, Williamson and Waddell—80 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. McCoy.

The journal of Monday, Dec. 18th, was read and approved.

Mr. Snider offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That this General Assembly shall adjourn sine die on Thursday, the 21st inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

As a substitute for the foregoing, Mr. McEnery offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That this General Assembly will not adjourn, so long as it can legally sit, until a law is enacted for the relief of the impoverished debtors of this State.

Mr. Bailey moved that the substitute be laid on the table, on which motion Messrs. McEnery and Blackman called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Bensel, Brown, Boyce, Couvillon, Delamore, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Fishburn, Gaisser, Hatch, Henderson, Higgins, Jonas, Kile, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, McCloskey, Prudhomme, Robinson, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Voorhies and Williamson—29 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. J. Anderson, Samuel Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Blackman, Collins, Davenport, Daigle, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Edwards, Freret, Fulda, Green, Halsey, Head, Hays, Holt,

Hudspeth, Kent, Kelly, Labranche, Leblanc, Meredith, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, Montgomery, Murray, Ormond, Peterson, James Phillips, Powell, Pujo, Regenberg, Rogers, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waddell and Weeks—52 nays.

The motion to lay on the table was lost, and on Mr. McEnery's motion to adopt the resolution, Messrs. Kent and Thieneman called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. J. Anderson, Samuel Anderson, Alverson, Addison, Bensel, Blackman, Davenport, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Drew, Ditto, Duralde, Duffel, Dugas, Eastin, Edwards, Fulda, Green, Halsey, Head, Holt, Hudspeth, Kent, Kelly, Kidd, Labranche, LeBlanc, Meredith, McEnery, McDonald, Montgomery, Ormond, Peterson, Powell, Pujo, Regenberg, Rogers, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waddell, and Weeks—47 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Bensel, Brown, Boyce, Couvillon, Daigle, Delamore, Eager, Elam, Eldridge, Eustis, Freret, Fishburn, Gaisser, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Higgins, Jonas, Kile, Laurent, Leeds, Lemarie, McKelvey, McCloskey, Murray, Nutt, Phillips, J., Prudhomme, Robinson, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Voorhies, and Williamson—35 nays.

And the resolution was adopted.

SENATE MESSAGES.

A message was received from the Senate through O. Arroyo, Assistant Secretary, announcing that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 115.

An act to establish an election precinct at Kennerville, in the parish of Jefferson.

And requesting the signature of the Speaker to Senate enrolled bill.

An act to provide for the punishment of persons for tampering with, persuading or enticing away, harboring or feeding, or secreting laborers or apprentices.

And announcing that the President of the Senate had signed House bill No. 16:

An act to suspend the assessment and collection of certain State taxes.

And requesting the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bills:

An act to create a homestead exemption.

An act to amend articles 680 and 681 of the Code of Practice.

An act to establish an Internal Improvement District, to provide for the election of commissioners and other officers therefor, and to authorize the levying and collection of taxes for internal improvements therein. And

An act to authorize the Governor to issue the bonds of the State for the amount of one million dollars to defray the expense of building levees in accordance with the contracts made by him and

the levee commissioners appointed for that purpose.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Elam on behalf of the Judiciary Committee reported favorably by substitute, on

An act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act relative to forced surrenders and the mode of making them.

Mr. Boyce on behalf of the Finance Committee reported a bill entitled

An act to raise money for the State treasury to meet present liabilities.

Mr. Murray on behalf of the Committee on Charitable Institutions reported

Joint resolutions appropriating \$11,750 for charitable purposes, accompanied with the following report:

To the Honorable President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and members of the General Assembly:

Honorable Gentlemen—Your Committee on Charitable Institutions, acting in joint committee, proceeded on Friday, December 15, 1865, in conveyance procured for the purpose, to visit the various charitable institutions of the city of New Orleans.

Stopping first at the House of the Good Shepherd, corner of Girod and Magazine streets, we found this institution orderly, regular and cleanly. The object of this institution is the redemption of abandoned women.

There are within the building one hundred inmates; some brought there by relatives, some by voluntary act, others committed by committing magistrates.

The ceilings are in a dilapidated condition, and the general condition of the building damp and unhealthy. The day on which we visited being cold, we were astonished that there were no fire to warm the inmates.

The sleeping apartments were found in a rickety old garret, the windows of which were without glass, because of their want of funds.

The institution has no source of revenue, save what the inmates earn by washing for people within the city limits.

Your committee agree that this institution is a truly laudable one, and being a place where committing magistrates send convicted parties, is entitled to and greatly in need of relief.

We next visited the New Orleans Female Orphan Asylum, corner of Camp and Prytania streets. Everything therein was neat and clean to an extent which would baffle description. There are in all 292 inmates, inclusive of 82 in a branch house at Carrollton.

The ages of the children range from five to ten years. Their greatest want is blankets for the winter. Of their last year's appropriation, \$5000, this Asylum has received but \$3000, and therefore has had but scanty fare.

St. Vincent's Infant Orphan Asylum, corner of Magazine and Race streets, next occupied our attention. The inmates varied from the age of one day to seven years.

We found the building without doors or windows, the flooring not yet finished, and the walls unplastered. From the condition of the building, the children are in momentary danger of accident. The object of the institution, is, in the opinion of the committee, of great advantage to the community by preventing infanticide; herein foundlings and abandoned children are provided for.

The St. Elizabeth's Asylum, corner of Magazine and St. Andrew streets, contains 168 inmates, between the ages of 7 and 14. The children go to school, as in the other institutions, and are employed in sewing, cooking, washing, etc.

Of the last appropriation (\$3000) this institution, up to the present, received only \$2000.

St. Anna's Asylum, on Prytania street, known as the Widows' Home, we found in mourning for its late president, founder and benefactor, Mrs. Caruthers. Sadness was pictured upon the inmates on account of this, their great bereavement. The number of inmates is 50, which is a great falling off from their usual numbers, for which a want of sufficient funds is the excuse. The walls of the building are in a greatly dilapidated condition, and require immediate repairs.

At the corner of Laurel and Constance streets is situated the St. Joseph's Asylum, having 200 inmates, boys and girls. The proficiency of the children in education was apparent in their masterly penmanship.

This, as well as the asylums enumerated above, possesses no source of revenue, save private contributions and State appropriations. The expenses for last year of this institution amounted to between \$8000 and \$9000, making an average of \$45 per capita per annum.

In the House of the Jewish Widows and Orphans, situated on Jackson street, we were referred for the state of the institution to their last annual report, and find it in a very prosperous condition, supported as it is by life subscribers, consisting of our Hebrew fellow-citizens.

The Protestant Orphan Home, corner of Seventh and Constance streets, has within its walls 70 children, between 50 and 60 boys, the balance girls. The matron not being present at the time of your committee's visit, we were unable to ascertain minute details, yet we learn enough to know that the institution is greatly in need of relief, and cannot receive any more children, although greatly pressed for the want of funds.

We next visited the Poydras Asylum, in Jefferson City; the number of the inmates is one hundred—all girls. The revenue of the institution is adequate in ordinary times, but they complain

that of late, their rents have not been paid. The structure of the building is such as to cause great destruction to the balconies.

The Insane Asylum established within the last two years, is situated on the corner of Magazine street and Nashville Avenue, Jefferson City; it was known recently as the Asylum of the Five Wounds, but now bears the name of the Louisiana Retreat. There are twenty inmates, principally females, some of whom are paid for by relatives, but the majority are charity inmates; and in the opinion of the Committee, the latter should be transferred to the State Institution at Jackson, so soon as the State Asylum can accommodate them. Yet there being an impossibility of so doing during the late war, the committee deem it just to appropriate a compensation to the good sisters for the care and trouble which they have had with these State patients, particularly as the said Sisters are so much in need.

In the St. Mary's Orphan Boys' Asylum, Third District, there are three hundred and ninety-two boys, between the ages of three and fourteen. Owing to the constant application for admittance, the Directors are obliged to commence building, for the prosecution and finishing of which, they are sadly in need of funds.

The Orphan Girl's Asylum of the Immaculate Conception, situated on Love street, Third District, has within its walls eighty-five girls. The great want is clothing and food.

All the institutions which your Committee visited we found in the most cleanly condition. One thing which particularly attracted the attention of the committee, was, that notwithstanding the poverty of the institutions, the New Orleans Gas Light Company, charged for gas consumed, to some of the institutions, full price, to others, one-half, notwithstanding the amount consumed scarcely, if ever, amounts to \$6 per month.

Your committee not having received reports from the institutions in Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville, etc., is unable to make detailed reports, yet deem it necessary to make temporary appropriations, as in the cases above enumerated, for which they contemplate giving temporary relief, because of the withdrawal of the support of the United States authorities.

Your committee received a report from the Hon. P. Fishburn, of East Feliciana, of the Insane Asylum at Jackson, which was very interesting and satisfactory; wherein it was fully shown that the institution has been of no burden to the State during the last two years.

The report was referred to the Finance Committee, and your committee would ask the favorable reception of the report of said committee in reference to this institution.

Your committee has deferred making appropriations to the Charity Hospital until the regular session.

Your Committee on Charitable Institutions herewith submit the following joint resolution, furnishing temporary relief to the above named institutions until the meeting of the General Assembly in January, 1866.

THOMAS MURRAY,

Chairman on behalf of House committee.

And on motion of Mr. Murray the rules were suspended and the joint resolution read first, second and third time and adopted, and ordered to be sent at once to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Boyce the bill reported by him as chairman of the Finance Committee being

An act to raise money to meet the present liabilities of the State Treasury, was taken up, and with

An act to provide for the collection of certain taxes, was made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 1 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. DeLabarre, the rules were suspended and the House took up Senate bill No. 105:

An act making an appropriation for the expenses of the Land Office for the fiscal year ending the 31st December, 1865, and the rules being suspended the bill was read first, second and third time and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Thieneman the rules were suspended and the House took up Senate bill No. 112, being

An act to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to employ an additional clerk in his office; and on further motion by Mr. Tucker, the rules were further suspended, and the bill read the second and third time and concurred in.

Mr. Holt moved a suspension of the rules to take up out of its regular order

An act relative to the State Penitentiary. Not agreed to.

On motion of Mr Boyce, the rules were suspended and the House took up the General Appropriation bill:

An act making appropriations for the remainder of the year 1865, and, on motion, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. Elam in the Chair, for the purpose of considering the bill.

The committee rose and reported, through the chairman, that the committee had duly considered the bill, and recommended that the sixth and seventh items of the first section be stricken out of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Elam, the report of the committee was adopted, and the rules being suspended, the bill was read the second and third time, and passed, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, leave of absence was granted for the remainder of this session to the Hon. J. A. Kile, of Natchitoches.

On motion of Mr. Elam, like leave of absence was granted to the Hon. G. W. Eldridge of De Soto.

On motion of Mr. McEnery, like leave of absence was granted to the Hon. E. E. Kidd, of Jackson.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, Senate bill entitled

An act to create a homestead exemption was taken up, on a suspension of the rules, and passed to its second reading.

Mr. Elam moved to amend by inserting in the twenty-second line, first section, the word "two," in lieu of the word "one."

Mr. McEnery moved to amend by inserting in the same line "four" instead of "one." Laid on the table.

Mr. Snider moved to strike out the words "one thousand," in the twenty-second line, and insert the words "twenty-five hundred." Lost.

The amendment offered by Mr. Elam was adopted, and, on his motion, the thirty-third line was amended to correspond with the twenty-second line by inserting "two" in place of "one."

Mr. Blackman moved to amend the first section further by inserting in the seventh line the word "eighty" in place of "forty," and

Mr. Head moved to amend by inserting the words "one hundred and sixty" in place of "forty," and

Mr. Hanlon moved to amend by inserting the words "three hundred and twenty" in lieu of the word "forty;" which was not agreed to. The amendment offered by Mr. Head was adopted.

Mr. Jonas moved to amend the section by striking out from the end of the eleventh line and the beginning of the twelfth line the words "or other person or persons;" which was not agreed to.

The section as amended was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Elam, the second section was amended by striking out all from the word "that" in the first line to the word "no" in the tenth line.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, the section was further amended by striking out the words "money thereof" in the fifteenth line, and inserting the words "price of said exempted property."

To the end of which amendment were added, on motion of Mr. Elam, the words "nor for money due for rents."

On motion of Mr. Fenner, there were added to the end of Mr. Elam's amendment the words "bearing a privilege on said property under existing laws."

And the second section as amended was concurred in.

Section third was amended, on motion of Mr. McEnery, by striking out all after the word "passage."

The section as amended, was then, on motion of Mr. Head, concurred in, and on his motion the bill as a whole, was concurred in, and put upon its third reading.

The bill being put upon its final passage, Messrs. Bailey and Head called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Leave having first been asked and obtained by Mr. McCloskey to explain his reasons for voting no.

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson J., Anderson S., Alverston, Addison, Barry, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Bruton, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Deblanc, Deporter, Ditto, Edwards, Fenner, Green, Halsey, Head, Holt, Jonas, Kent, Kidd, Labranche, Laurent, Martin, Meredith, McEnery, McDonald, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenber, Robinson, Seaman, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—51 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Bailey, Bensel, Collins, Duralde, Fishburn, Eustis, Fulda, Gaiser, Hanlon, Head, Hatch, Henderson, Higgins, Kelly, Lagroue, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, McCloskey, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Richards, Roman, Rogers, Sambola, Seger and Wiltz—30 nays.

And the bill, as amended, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Snider, the title was so amended as to read:

An act to exempt from seizure and sale a homestead and other property.

And the bill was ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence in amendments.

Mr. Snider asked that the rules be suspended to take up

An act to amend the first section of an act entitled "an act relative to forced surrenders and the mode of making them."

The House refused to suspend the rules.

Mr. Tucker asked that an act to suspend the laws of this State providing for the forced sale of property except in certain cases, be taken up, but the House refused to suspend the rules.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate was received, through O. Arroyo, Assistant Secretary, announcing that the Senate had concurred in House amendments, both in the title of Senate bill entitled "an act extending the time for bringing up appeals in certain cases to the Supreme Court," from the District Court, outside of the parish of Orleans," and requesting the return to the Senate of bill entitled

An act to amend articles 680 and 681 of the Code of Practice.

On motion of Mr. Halsey, Mr. Elam being in the Chair, Senate bill entitled

An act to establish an internal improvement district, to provide for the election of commissioners and other officers therefor, and to authorize the levying and collection of taxes for internal improvement therein

Was taken up, on a suspension of the rules, and read twice, the second reading being section by section.

Mr. Duralde moved to amend by inserting the words "and East Baton Rouge," at the end of the eighteenth line of the first section, and striking out the word "and" before the word "St. Mary," in the same line. Adopted.

Mr. McEnery moved to amend further by inserting the word "of" in lieu of the word "or," at the beginning of the sixteenth line. Adopted.

Without further consideration of the remaining sections the bill was adopted as a whole on its second reading.

Mr. McConnell moved to reconsider the action by which the House adopted the bill as a whole on the second reading. The motion to reconsider was lost.

Pending the motion that the bill be passed to its third reading, Mr. Elam, chairman, called the attention of the House to rule No. 58, and decided that the bill under consideration must be discussed in a committee of the whole House.

Mr. Cage appealed from the decision, and the same being put to vote was sustained by the House.

On motion of Mr. Halsey, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, for the consideration of the bill, Mr. Head in the Chair.

On rising, the committee reported through its chairman, Mr. Head, that it had adopted the first section as amended by the House, and asked leave to resume its sitting to-morrow at 12 o'clock *m.*, for the further consideration of the bill. The report was adopted, and leave to sit, as requested, was granted.

Mr. Williamson renewed the request to suspend the rules to take up House bill No. 123. The House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. Scanlan, the House adjourned to to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1865. }

The House met at 11 o'clock *a. m.*

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Anderson, Samuel, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Blackman, Bonnell, Brown, Boyce, Bruton, Collins, Couvillon, Davenport, Daigle, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Ditto, Duralde, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eustis, Edwards,

Fagot, Fenner, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Green, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hays, Henderson, Holt, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Labranche, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lewis, Martin, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McDonald, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips' James, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks.—78 Representatives.

The journal of Tuesday, December 19, was read and approved.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Hon. J. McGee of Washington, at the request of Mr. Kent; to the Hon. H. L. Duffel of Ascension, at the request of Mr. Halsey; to the Hon. G. Laurent of Vermillion, at the request of Mr. Daigle; to the Hon. E. T. Lewis of Rapides, at the request of Mr. Boyce; to the Hon. J. G. Hays of St. Landry, at the request of Mr. Head; and to the Hon. J. Anderson of Catahoula, at the request of Mr. Ditto.

On motion of Mr. Eustis, it was

Resolved, the Senate concurring, that this General Assembly shall adjourn sine die on Friday, the 22d inst., at 2 o'clock *p. m.*

The resolution was, on motion, sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. DeLabarre, Chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled House bill entitled "an act to establish an election precinct in Kennerville, parish of Jefferson."

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Regenberg, Chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Education, reported unfavorably on House bill No. 82:

An act for the relief of purchasers of sixteenth sections.

Mr. Snider, on behalf of the Special Joint Committee of both Houses, to which was assigned the duty of selecting from the calendars of both Houses the bills of general and public interest, reported as follows:

The joint committee appointed under House resolution No. 206, to select from the calendar the bills of general and public interest for the consideration and immediate action of the General Assembly, respectfully report as follows, to-wit:

HOUSE CALENDAR—FIRST READINGS.

Mr. Palfrey—106. An act suspending the sale of swamp and overflowed lands.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

Mr. Palfrey—129. An act to authorize the Governor to issue the bonds of the State for the amount of one million of dollars to defray the expenses of building levees in accordance with the

contracts made by him and the Levee Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

Lapeyre—111. An act to provide for the liquidation of certain banks.

Mr. Barrow—107. An act to organize the militia of the State.

Mr. Taylor—99. An act relative to the State Penitentiary.

Mr. Taylor—116. An act for the relief of E. L. Jewell.

Mr. Munday—118. An act to punish any person or persons who shall encourage or excite an insurrection or revolt in the State.

Mr. Taylor—An act for the relief of the Baton Rouge, Grosse Tete and Opelousas Railroad Company.

HOUSE CALENDAR, 1865—SECOND READINGS.

Mr. Boyce—114. An act to provide for the collection of certain taxes.

Mr. Duffel—21. An act to extend the limits of the corporation of Donaldsonville.

Mr. Williamson—50. Joint resolutions proposing that a special joint committee be appointed to revise the penal statutes of the State of Louisiana, and to suggest amendments and additions thereto, with authority to appoint a clerk and to sit during the recess of the General Assembly.

Mr. Sambola—93. An act to repeal an act, amending article 2653 of the Civil Code.

Mr. Williamson—123. An act entitled an act to amend the first section of an act, relative to forced surrenders and the mode of making them.

Nos. 28, 77 and substitute. An act to suspend the collection of taxes on lands and houses in possession of the Government.

SENATE CALENDAR, 1865—FIRST READINGS.

McConnell—House bill 71. An act to extend relief to Louisiana soldiers, who have been wounded or disabled and are in necessitous circumstances, and to the wives and orphans of Louisiana soldiers.

Fenner—House bill 65. Joint resolution adopting the constitutional amendment.

House bill 121. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Ouachita Female Academy, in the town of Monroe, parish of Ouachita, and for other purpose.

Duralde—House bill 120. Joint resolution directing the State Engineer to make a survey and examination of the Canal, Shell Road and other works belonging to the Canal and Banking Company.

SECOND READINGS.

Hough—110. An act to create a homestead exemption.

Gordon—46. An act fixing the day of meeting of the General Assembly.

Amended by the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. SNIDER,

Chairman of House Committee.

On motion of Mr. Fenner the House bill reported by the Committee on Finance as a substitute for House bills Nos. 77 and 28, was added to the foregoing report, which was then adopted.

Mr. Snider, on behalf of the special committee of five, to which were referred House bills Nos. 125 and 126, reported on

Joint resolutions relative to the pardon of Jeff. Davis, favorably.

And on preamble and resolution exculpating Jefferson Davis from the charge of TREASON, unfavorably.

Mr. Head, on behalf the special committee to which was referred the memorial of D. J. Elder, reported favorably on the same by bill, entitled

An act for the relief of D. J. Elder and J. Dreyfous.

Mr. Head moved to suspend the rules that the bill might be taken up.

The House refused to suspend the rules.

Mr. Williamson, on behalf of the special committee to which was referred House bill No. 39, entitled joint resolution in regard to the encouragement of immigration, reported as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE TO DRAFT A BILL TO ORGANIZE A BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION.

Your committee respectfully report that, in view of the great importance of drafting a bill correct in all its provisions, and it being impossible before the close of this extra session to procure the necessary information on the subject, they ask leave of the House to continue its consideration, and to defer their final report until the next regular session of the General Assembly.

It is manifest to all that it is of the highest moment to the State of Louisiana that she should encourage by every honorable means the white population of other States, Canada and Europe to establish permanent homes within her limits. The late disastrous war has left her with diminished population and impaired mechanical skill, but with unparalleled material resources awaiting development.

The recently emancipated slaves cannot reasonably be expected to perform, in their new condition and under existing circumstances, the efficient and productive labor of former years. The thinned ranks of our mechanics (who, as a class, participated with zealous devotion in the late war) leaves every branch of mechanical industry with many gaps to be filled. Science, too, mourns over the graves of many of her disciples. Thus agriculture, the mechanical arts and scientific skill, all need and invite the laborious, enterprising and peaceful immigrant. The highest wages will reward labor in these pursuits, and Fortune stands ready in the not distant future to pour her riches into the hands of patient industry. To secure the desired immigration, it is necessary the State shall

put herself forward as the guardian of the immigrant. When he leaves his home, he must know that when he lands upon our soil he has the State to welcome him, and afford protection against the rapacity of the avaricious and the designs of the crafty.

He must know from State authority, before he starts from his own country, what is the character of the people among whom he is to settle; what are the adaptabilities of the soil to the products with which he is most familiar; what is the climate in which he is to labor; what are the rewards of industry; under what institutions of civil, social and religious freedom he is to pursue his fortunes, and what share he and his posterity shall have in changing or perpetuating them. Foreigners are so accustomed in their own countries to look to their Government for protection and for information on all important subjects, that it is feared the most honest and energetic immigration societies would fail to accomplish great results without the assistance, authority and influence of a State bureau.

Your committee believe that Louisiana can best develop her unrivaled material wealth through immigration; that she can thus add speedily to her political power in the Union, and by this means best render herself independent of the uncertain and irregular supply of labor upon which she is at present dependent. By immigration her cities and towns will be enlarged, her commerce improved, her capital increased, her impoverished population employed, her landed estates cultivated, her internal improvements effected, her taxation gradually diminished, her agricultural products become more varied and valuable, her vast tracts of wild land peopled, and, above all, her internal peace secured from the intermeddling of the aggressive, but perhaps honest negro-philists of other sections. Numbers, wealth, mechanical and scientific skill are in this age the best guarantees of liberty, and the surest safeguards of peace.

We beg leave to say that we advocate this measure in no spirit of hostility to the faithful and docile race, whose labors have contributed so much to enrich our State. We fully appreciate the characteristics and worth of the late slaves of Louisiana. We would protect them against all harm and urge them to industry and the highest civilization of their race if permitted. We do not propose to drive them peacefully or forcibly from our midst, but rather wish to show them and their self-appointed guardians that Louisiana looks mainly to the white race for the development of her resources and the permanency of her institutions, and that she desires to remove as speedily as possible all pretexts on the part of citizens of other States for preventing her from giving the colored population a fair opportunity to test their

powers to compete with the white man in all branches of industry and mechanical skill. Your committee, in order to attract attention to this grave subject, (in their opinion one of vital importance to the State) have thought it their duty to submit this brief statement of their views, and to recommend the adoption of the resolutions committed to their charge with an amendment.

GEO. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Green introduced a bill entitled

An act to facilitate the recovery of strayed, lost or stolen stock and other property,

Which was read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gates introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to contract with the Mechanics' Society,

Which, on a suspension of the rules, underwent its several readings and was passed. The title was amended, on motion of Mr. Snider, so as to read "an act authorizing," etc., instead of "joint resolution authorizing," etc.

The bill, on motion, was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Voorhies, on behalf of Mr. Sambola, introduced—

An act relative to suits for ejectment of tenants. And an act for the relief of T. S. Reichert.

The rules being suspended, the bills severally underwent their first and second readings, and were referred, the first to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the second to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Waggaman, Senate bill entitled

An act for the relief of E. L. Jewell, was taken up on a suspension of the rules and read twice, when, on a suspension of the rules requiring the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on appropriations, the bill was read a third time, and concurred in.

Mr. Deporter asked leave to take up his bill entitled

An act concerning the licensing of drinking houses, and the sale of intoxicating liquors, in the parish of St. James.

The House refused to suspend the rules.

Mr. Tucker asked leave to take up his bill (House bill No. 108) entitled

An act to suspend the laws of the State providing for the forced sale of property, except in certain cases.

The request was withdrawn on the suggestion that the hour for taking up the special order of the day had arrived.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The House resumed the consideration of Senate bill entitled

An act to establish an internal improvement district, to provide for the election of Commissioners and the officers therefor, and to authorize the levying and collection of taxes for internal improvements therein.

Pending permission granted to the Committee of the Whole to sit again,

The House therefore resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, Mr. Head in the chair.

When the committee rose, it reported to the House that it had adopted the first section of the bill amended in the last line so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened,* That one internal improvement district is hereby created, whose territorial limits shall be as follows: All that portion of this State known as the alluvial lands of the Mississippi river, and embraced within the following parishes, viz: Carroll, Madison, Tensas, Concordia, Point Coupee, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, and the alluvial portion of the parishes of Catahoula, Franklin, Morehouse, Ouachita, Avoyelles, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and East Baton Rouge.

That the second section was adopted by the committee, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That there shall be elected from the parish of Orleans twelve commissioners, and from each of the other parishes therein one commissioner, who must be residents of the parishes for which they are elected—white male citizens of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years. And the said commissioners, so elected, shall form a Board of Commissioners, and one-half of the whole number shall constitute a quorum to do business.

That the third section was adopted without amendment as follows:

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the commissioners mentioned in the second section of this act shall be elected every two years, at the time and places at which representatives to the General Assembly are elected, and by the voters within each parish of each respective district entitled to vote for said representatives to the General Assembly. And said election shall be presided over by the Judges of State elections. And the said commissioners shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified; *Provided*, however, that the first election under this act shall be held on the third Monday of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, by the judges of elections authorized to hold the general

election; and that fifteen days' notice of said election be given in the manner required by law for other elections, by the Sheriffs of the different parishes.

That section four was adopted without amendment as follows:

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the said judges of election, in each parish in said district, shall count the votes given for Commissioner, and make due return thereof, to the sheriff of the parish, in each of which such election shall have been held.

That section five was amended and adopted as follows:

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That it shall be the duty of the sheriff, in each parish aforesaid, to ascertain and give a certificate of election to the person who may have received the highest number of votes in his parish.

Except the parish of Orleans, of which the sheriff shall give such certificate to the twelve persons who may have received the highest number of votes in said parish.

That section six was adopted as follows:

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the said Board of Commissioners shall be the sole judge of the election and qualification of its members, and shall have power to prescribe all rules and regulations necessary for determining the same.

That sections seven, eight and nine were adopted as follows:

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That if any of the Commissioners should refuse to act, or should resign or die, the remainder of the Board shall order the Sheriff of the parish, in which the vacancy may occur, to hold an election, after ten days' notice, to be given as usual, and to be held in the said manner, and by the Judges of Election hereinbefore mentioned, to fill the said vacancy; and the returns of, and certificate of, election shall be made in the same manner as hereinbefore provided for the regular election of Commissioners.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That before entering on the discharge of their duties, the said Commissioners shall take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State, and the laws thereof, and to discharge the duties incumbent on them as Commissioners, to the best of their abilities and understanding.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the Board of Commissioners shall meet, for the first time, on the second Monday after the election, at the State House, in the city of New Orleans; and that thereafter the said Board of Commissioners shall meet at such time and place as they may themselves designate.

That section ten was amended and adopted, as follows:

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the Board of Commissioners shall have power to elect a President from among themselves, a Secretary, Treasurer, and all the necessary officers; to fix their pay; to determine the causes for their removal; the amount of bonds they shall give; and decide on all improvements to be made; to order the same to be made; to make contracts for the same, and fix the terms and conditions thereof.

That section eleven was adopted as follows:

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the said Board of Commissioners shall have power to adopt the contracts already made by the Governor and Levee Commissioners, by him appointed, for the construction and repairs of the levees in their respective districts. And the said contracts, when so adopted, shall be considered as if originally made by said Board of Commissioners.

That section twelve was adopted as follows:

SEC. 12. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the said Board of Commissioners shall have power to make all rules and regulations in relation to the size and location of levees, for repairing and increasing of old levees, and the manner of constructing and draining the same, and all other necessary regulations properly appertaining thereto, and do all other acts necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act; and the superintendence and direction of all said works shall be vested in such engineers as shall be appointed by the Board.

And the committee asked leave to sit again at 7 o'clock this evening, to consider the remaining sections of the bill, which report was adopted and leave granted.

A message was received from the Senate, through O. Arroyo, Esq., Assistant Secretary, announcing that the Senate had concurred in House amendment to Senate bill entitled "an act to create a homestead exemption," and giving notice of a reconsideration of one of the amendments to the homestead having been given, the Senate do not concur in the same.

On motion of Mr. Elam, the House took a recess until 6½ o'clock p. m.

Evening Session.

The House was called to order at half-past six o'clock p. m.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker; and Messrs. Anderson Samuel, Austin, Alverson, Bailey, Barry, Benschel, Blackman, Boyce, Collins, Davenport, Deporter, Duralde, Eager, Elam, Eustis, Fenner, Freiret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaiser, Green, Halsey, Head, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, La Branche, Leeds, Lemarie, Lipscomb, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nutt, Phillips J., Powell, Regenberg, Richardson, Richards, Robinson, Scan-

lan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—60 Representatives.

The hour of 7 o'clock having arrived, it was moved that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, for the further consideration of the Senate bill entitled:

An act to establish an Internal Improvement District; to provide for the election of Commissioners, and other officers therefor; and to authorize the levying and collection of taxes for internal improvements therein,

In accordance with the motion adopted at the morning session granting leave to sit again.

The motion was adopted, and Mr. Head took the Chair.

The committee rose and reported that the committee had adopted a substitute for the bill under consideration, which the committee report to the House with the recommendation that it be passed.

The said substitute entitled

An act to confirm the appointment of Levee Commissioners, provisionally made by the Governor of the State, and to continue their functions,

Was before the House on its second reading, Mr. Elam in the Chair.

Mr. Cage moved that the rules be suspended, in order to take up Senate bill entitled

An act to authorize the Governor to issue the bonds of the State for the amount of one million of dollars, to defray the expenses of building levees, in accordance with the contracts made by him and the Levee Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was taken up, read a first time, and on a further suspension of the rules, the bill was put upon its second reading.

On motion of Mr. McCloskey, the first section was amended by striking out the word "annually," and inserting the word "semi-annually," in lieu thereof.

The section as amended was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, the second section was amended by striking out the words "at the market value," and on his further motion, the following proviso was attached to the section: "Provided, That said bonds shall not be disposed of below their market value."

The section as amended was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cage, the adoption of the second section was reconsidered, when Mr. Halsey moved to strike out the amendments to said section.

The question was put, and no quorum voting, a call of the House was ordered, when the following Representatives answered to their names:

Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. S. Anderson. Austin, Alverson, Bailey, Blackman, Boyce,

Collins, Davenport, Duralde, Eager, Elam, Eustis, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Green, Halsey, Head, Jonas, Kelly, Labranche, Leeds, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nutt, Phillips J., Phillips Alf., Powell, Richardson, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—57 Representatives.

No quorum being present, on motion of Mr. McConnell, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
THURSDAY, December 21, 1865. }

The House met at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present, the Hon. D. S. Sage, Speaker, and Messrs. Anderson Samuel, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Collins, Davenport, Daigle, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Ditto, Duralde, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eustis, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Green, Hanlon, Halsey, Harrison, Head, Hatch, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Labranche, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, Ormond, Peterson, Powell, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenber, Richardson, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Seger, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—74 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Walker.

The journal of Wednesday was read in part, and the reading of the remainder dispensed with on motion. The journal was approved.

Mr. Meredith asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session for Hon. W. L. Ditto, of Catahoula, in consequence of severe illness of members of his family.

On motion of Mr. DeLabarre, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, the following joint resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate for concurrence:

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the translators elected by both Houses of the General Assembly be and are hereby allowed each the sum of eight dollars per diem, and that the same be paid upon the warrant of the respective Warrant Clerks of the General Assembly, approved by the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

On motion of the same Representative, the House adopted and sent to the Senate for concurrence

Joint resolution allowing time to translators and journal clerks to bring up the work of the General Assembly.

On motion by Mr. Stille, the House adopted and sent to the Senate for concurrence the following

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the joint committee, raised by both Houses for the purpose of investigating the claims of Messrs. Hahn and Cutler to seats in the United States Senate, be authorized to pursue their investigations during the recess, and that they also be authorized to employ a clerk.

Mr. S. P. Delabarre, Chairman, on behalf of the enrolling committee, reported as correctly enrolled

An act amending an act entitled an act supplementary to acts incorporating the town of Thibodaux, approved May 29th, 1846.

Mr. Boyce, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, reported a bill entitled

An act to increase the revenue of the State.

And, on his motion, the rules were suspended, and the bill was taken up on its first reading.

The bill was then put upon its second reading, when Mr. Stille moved that the rule requiring the House to go into a Committee of the Whole on appropriations; on which motion Messrs. Richardson and Higgins called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson S., Austin, Alverson, Addison, Barry, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Collins, Davenport, Daigle, Deblanc, Deporter, Eager, Elam, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Henderson, Holt, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Labranche, Lagroue, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Martin, Meredith, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Pujo, Prudhomme, Regenber, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Waddell and Weeks—67 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Bense, Eustis, Gaisser, Green, Hanlon, Higgins, Leeds, McDonald, Powell, Richardson and Richards—12 nays.

So the rule was suspended and the bill was taken up section by section.

The first and second sections were read and adopted, when on motion of Mr. McConnell the House postponed the further consideration of the bill until 7 o'clock this evening, with the further order that the bill be printed and ready for the use of members at that hour.

On motion of Mr. McConnell the rules were suspended to take up Senate bill entitled

An act to provide for the compensation of the clerks, etc., of the General Assembly.

Mr. Fagot moved to amend the first section by inserting the words "fifteen hundred" in lieu of "two thousand." Lost, and the first section was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Tucker the second section was amended so as to read "the two assistant clerks of the House," and the section as amended was adopted.

The third section was adopted.

The fourth section was amended on motion of Mr. Tucker by inserting the words "and sixty-six cents" after the word "dollars," in that part of the section fixing the per diem of enrolling clerks, and on the motion of Mr. Snider the section was further amended so as to make the per diem of the House Warrant Clerk \$10 instead of \$8.

Mr. DeLabarre moved a further amendment to the section, increasing the per diem of the chief Enrolling Clerk from eight to ten dollars.

A division was called on this motion, and no quorum voting, the Speaker ordered a call of the House, when the following Representatives answered to their names:

Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. Anderson S., Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Blackman, Bonnabel, Boyce, Davenport, Deblane, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Duralde, Eager, Elam, Eustis, Edwards, Fenner, Freret, Gates, Green, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Hendersen, Higgins, Holt, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Labranche, Lagroue, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlane, Lipscomb, Meredith, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McDloskey, Montgomery, Nelligan, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips J., Powell, Prudhomme, Regensburg, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Seott, Solomon, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorlies, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—74 Representatives.

The vote was then put on the amendment of Mr. DeLabarre, which was lost, and the section as previously amended, was adopted.

The fifth section was adopted.

The sixth section was amended, on motion of Mr. Tucker, by adding the words "and sixty-six cents" after the word "dollars."

And the section, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Fagot moved to amend the seventh section by inserting "eight" in lieu of "ten" before the word dollars in that part of the section fixing the per diem for this extra session, of the Assistant Secretary of the Senate and the Assistant Clerks of the House.

Mr. Lipscomb moved to insert "fifteen" in lieu of "ten."

Mr. Tucker moved to insert "twelve" in lieu of "ten."

All of which amendments were lost, and the section was concurred in without amendment.

The ninth and tenth sections were likewise concurred in, and the bill being put upon its final passage was concurred in as amended, and sent to the Senate.

Subsequently, a message from the Senate announced its concurrence in the amendments made by the House.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

Messages were received from the Senate, through O. Arroyo, Esq., its Assistant Secretary, announcing that the President of the Senate had signed House enrolled bill entitled

An act amending an act entitled "an act supplementary to the acts incorporating the town of Thibodaux, approved May 29, 1846."

Requesting the signature of the Speaker to Senate enrolled bill entitled

An act for the relief of E. L. Jewell.

Requesting the concurrence of the House in Senate bill entitled

An act to amend articles 680 and 681 of the Code of Practice.

And announcing that the Senate had concurred in House bills, entitled:

Joint resolution directing the State Engineer to make a survey and examination of the canal, shell-road and other works belonging to the Canal and Banking Company.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Ouachita Female Academy in the town of Monroe.

An act to punish any person or persons who shall encourage or excite an insurrection or revolt in this State.

An act for the relief of H. Cassidy, of New Orleans.

Joint resolution appropriating \$11,750 for charitable purposes.

And joint resolution allowing time to translators and journal clerks of the General Assembly to bring up the work of General Assembly.

Also, announcing that the Senate had concurred with an amendment in

Joint resolution granted certain powers to the Joint Committee on Railroads.

In which amendment the House concurred.

On motion of Mr. Fenner, House bill No. 28, entitled

An act for the relief of tax payers was taken up, and the substitute reported and recommended by the Committee on Finance for the bill No. 28 and for bill No. 77, entitled

An act relative to the collection of city taxes in the city of New Orleans in certain cases,

Was taken up and adopted, in lieu of bill No. 28, on a suspension of the rules, and was read twice, amended, on motion of Mr. Fenner, by adding at the end of the first section the words "and city taxes."

On a further suspension of the rules the bill was read a third time, passed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Halsey, the unfinished business of yesterday was taken up, being Senate bill entitled

An act to authorize the Governor to issue the bonds of the State for the amount of one million of dollars, to defray the expenses of building levees, in accordance with the contracts made by him and the Levee Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

Pending the consideration of the third section,

On motion of Mr. Halsey, the adoption of the second section, as amended, was reconsidered, and on his further motion, the said section was stricken out, when

Mr. Walker offered the following to come in as the second section:

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor, in conjunction with the Board of Levee Commissioners, shall advertise for thirty days, in the official paper and two other papers published in the city of New Orleans, for proposals for the purchase of the bonds issued under the provisions of this act, and upon the receipt of the bids, the Governor and Board of Commissioners shall have the power to accept or reject the same as they may deem best.

Provided, that in the event of the bids being under par and rejected, the Governor and Board of Commissioners shall be and are hereby authorized to pledge said lands, or any part thereof, to borrow the money necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, until the Legislature shall otherwise provide or direct.

Mr. Duralde offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Walker's amendment:

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the Governor, in conjunction with the Board of Levee Commissioners, shall invite proposals for the purchase of the bonds to be issued under the provisions of this act, by publication in the official journal and two other city papers, for the period of thirty days, at the expiration of which the Governor and Board of Levee Commissioners shall have the power to accept or reject the bids as they may deem to be the best advantage of the State.

The substitute of Mr. Duralde was laid on the table, and the substitute of Mr. Walker was adopted as the second section of the bill.

The third section was amended by striking out all after the word "State," in the fifth line, and inserting after that word the words "are hereby pledged."

On motion of Mr. Freret, the following was adopted as an additional section, to be numbered section 4:

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That if during the year the proceeds of the sale of the public or swamp lands belonging to the State, so pledged for the redemption of said bonds, after reserving an amount sufficient to meet the interest coupons, there should be a surplus, said surplus shall be applied to the purchase from the lowest bidder of such bonds issued under this act, and the Governor and Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have the right of rejecting all bids demanding more than the face of the bonds, for which purpose public notice shall be given by the Governor in the official State gazette, and one other gazette, in or out of the State, for sixty days, inviting proposals from bondholders for the sale of the bonds herein described.

On motion of Mr. Eustis, the following was adopted as section 5:

SECTION 5. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act take effect from and after its passage.

The bill was then adopted as a whole, and was passed to its third reading.

When the bill was put upon its final passage, Messrs. Elam and Head called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson S., Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bailey, Barry, Bensel, Brown, Boyce, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, DeLabarre, Duralde, Eastin, Eager, Eustis, Edwards, Fenner, Freret, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Green, Gottschalk, Halsey, Hatch, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Labranche, Lagroue, Leeds, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McConnell, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Prudhomme, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Seger, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington and Wiltz—66.

Nays—Messrs. Blackman, Collins, Elam, Fishburn, Head, Meredith, McEper, McDonald, Powell, Regenber, Snider, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—14.

And the bill was concurred in as amended. The title was also amended by inserting, on the motion of Mr. Bailey, after the word "dollars" the words "and provide for the payment of the same."

And the bill as amended and concurred in was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Halsey, Senate bill No. 128, entitled

An act to establish an internal improvement district, etc.,

Was taken up, and on his motion the substitute for said Senate bill, adopted and recommended by the committee of the whole House, entitled

An act to confirm and ratify the appointment of levee commissioners provisionally made by the Governor of the State, and to continue their functions,

Was adopted in lieu of the Senate bill.

Mr. Bailey offered the following amendment to section third, to be added thereto as a proviso, as follows:

Provided, said levee commissioners shall not be authorized to enter into contracts for making or repairing levees, or other expenditures, exceeding in amount one million dollars.

On the motion to adopt, Messrs. Elam and Blackman called for the yeas and nays with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson Samuel, Austin, Alverson, Addison, Bensel, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Collins, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, DeLabarre, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eustis, Edwards, Fishburn, Fulda, Gaisser, Gantt, Green, Hanlon, Head, Hatch, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nutt, Peterson, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Powell, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Sambola, Scanlan, Smith, Stille, Tete, Thieneman, Voorhies, Whittington, Wagman, Williamson and Weeks—60 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Duralde, Green, Halsey, Labranche, Theriot and Walker—6 nays.

And the proviso was adopted.

Mr. Blackman offered the following amendment to section four, to be added thereto in the form of a proviso:

Provided, That the amount of money so drawn from the treasury of the State by the aforesaid commissioners shall be refunded to the State by taxation on the alluvial lands benefitted and protected by the levees built.

Mr. Halsey moved that the proviso be laid on the table, on which motion Messrs. Elam and Halsey called for the yeas and nays with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson Samuel, Austin, Bailey, Bensel, Brown, Boyce, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, Duralde, Eastin, Eager, Eustis, Edwards, Fulda, Gaisser, Green, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Henderson, Higgins, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Labranche, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McConnell, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nutt, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Prudhomme, Richards, Scanlan, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Wagman and Weeks—50 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Alverson, Blackman, Collins, Elam, Fishburn, Head, Hatch, Holt, McDonald, Peterson, Powell, Regenberg and Williamson—13 nays.

And the amendment was laid on the table.

The bill was read a third time, and being put upon its passage Messrs. Elam and Blackman called for the yeas and nays with the following result:

Yeas—Anderson Samuel, Austin, Bailey, Bensel, Brown, Boyce, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore,

Duralde, Eastin, Eager, Eustis, Edwards, Fulda, Gaisser, Green, Gottschalk, Hanlon, Halsey, Henderson, Higgins, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Kelly, Labranche, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, McKelvey, McConnell, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nutt, Peterson, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Scanlan, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington and Waggaman—61 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Alverson, Blackman, Collins, Elam, Fishburn, Head, Hatch, Holt, McDonald, Powell, Williamson and Weeks—12 nays.

And the bill was passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
NEW ORLEANS, December 21, 1865. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I am instructed by his Excellency, the Governor, to inform the House that he has approved and signed

An act to compel persons residing in the vicinity of Port Hudson, east of the Mississippi river, to keep their horses, mules, neat cattle and other live stock within enclosures.

An act appropriating the sum of seven thousand and twenty dollars to defray the expenses of fitting up the Mechanics' Institute for the use of the Legislature.

N. C. SNETHEN,
Private Secretary.

A message was received from the Senate through O. Arroyo, Assistant Secretary, announcing that the Senate had concurred in House amendments to Senate bill entitled "an act fixing the day of meeting of the General Assembly," and in House amendment to Senate bill entitled

An act fixing the compensation and providing for the payment for the officers and employees of General Assembly.

Mr. Head asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill on a suspension of the rules entitled:

Joint resolution soliciting the Federal Government to aid the State of Louisiana in rebuilding her levees.

Which underwent its several readings, and was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, the House took a recess until 6½ o'clock P. M.

Evening Session.

The House met at 6½ o'clock P. M.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Anderson S., Alverson, Bailey, Brown, Boyce, Bruton, Collins, Davenport, Deblanc, Duralde, Elam, Edwards, Freiret, Fishburn, Gates, Green, Gottschalk, Halsey, Head, Jonas, Kent, Labranche, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, McEnery, McDonald, McCloskey, Nelligan, Nutt, Peterson, Phillips James, Powell, Prud-

homme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Sambola, Scanlan, Snider, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—53 Representatives,

And there being no quorum, the Sergeant-at-Arms was directed to bring the absent members; and on the second roll call at 7½ o'clock, 63 members answered to their names, as follows:

Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, Anderson S., Alverson, Bailey, Bense, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Bruton, Collins, Davenport, Deblanc, Duralde, Elam, Eustis, Edwards, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaisser, Green, Gottschalk, Halsey, Head, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kent, Labranche, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Nelligan, Nutt, Peterson, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Powell, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Sambola, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—63 Representatives.

Mr. Stille offered

Concurrent resolution rescinding the action of the House upon the adjournment of the General Assembly, and fixing the day of adjournment at Saturday, 23d inst.; and on motion the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Boyce called up House bill No. 139—

An act to increase the revenue of the State—being the unfinished business of the morning.

Mr. Elam offered the following proviso to section three:

Provided, however, that until the first day of June next the penalty for not affixing the stamp in pursuance of this act, shall be four times the value of the stamp required to be so affixed; if the party whose duty it is to affix such stamp shall make affidavit that he did not know such stamp was necessary, or could not procure the same; in which case, the penalty shall be remitted upon the affixing of said stamp,

Pending the adoption of which Mr. Tucker moved to strike out all of said section third after the words "fine hundred dollars;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Eustis offered as an amendment to said section the following proviso, which was adopted on a vote of 33 ayes to 33 noes, Mr. Elam, in the Chair, voting aye:

Provided, That municipal corporations shall be exempt from the operation of this act.

On motion of Mr. Head, the action on the last named amendment was reconsidered, and on further motion by Mr. Eustis, the following amendment was offered and adopted by the House:

Provided, That no municipal or parochial corporation shall be required to affix any stamps under the provisions of this act.

On motion of Mr. Elam, the proviso with the amendment was then adopted.

Mr. McConnell offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

"Provided, further, That it shall be the duty of the courts of this State to give relief from the penalties of nullity, in all cases where due proof is adduced that the party claiming exemption from such nullity can prove that he has acted in good faith, and is not in fault from the failure to have such stamps affixed."

Mr. Head moved to postpone the bill indefinitely, and the yeas and nays being called by Messrs. Tucker and Voorhies, the motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Elam, Gottschalk, Head, Leeds, McDonald, Peterson, J. Phillips, A. Phillips, Powell, Richards, Sambola, Tucker and Voorhies—13 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Samuel Anderson, Alverson, Bailey, Bense, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Bruton, Collins, Davenport, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Duralde, Eustis, Edwards, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Gates, Gaisser, Green, Halsey, Jonas, Labranche, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, McConnell, McCloskey, Murray, Nelligan, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Rogers, Scanlan, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Walker, Whittington, Waggaman, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—49 nays.

Mr. Richardson asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session. Granted.

Sections four, five, six, seven and eight were read, and on motion, adopted.

On motion of Mr. McConnell, the word "exact" in the ninth line of the ninth section was stricken out, and the section, as amended, was adopted.

Section ten was also read and adopted.

Section eleven was, on motion of Mr. McCloskey, amended by striking out the word "five" in the last line and the word "one" in next to the last line, and inserting in place of the former the word "ten," and in place of the other, the word "five."

Section twelve was then read and adopted.

And the schedule being then under consideration,

Mr. Gottschalk moved to strike out the tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth lines, and insert "and for every additional hundred dollars or fractional part thereof in excess of one hundred dollars, five cents."

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Scanlan, the ninth item of said schedule was amended by striking out "one per cent." and inserting "one-half per cent."

Mr. McConnell moved to reconsider the last motion, adopting one-half per cent."

Which was agreed to.

And pending the motion to fill the blank with "one-half per cent." and the motion of Mr. Sambola to fill the blank with "one-tenth of one per cent.,"

On motion of Mr. McDonald the House adjourned to to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THOS. L. MAXWELL,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Friday, Dec. 22, 1865. }

The House met 11 o'clock A. M.

Present, Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. Anderson S., Alverson, Bailey, Blackman, Brown, Collins, Davenport, Deblanc, DeLabarre, Eustis, Edwards, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Green, Gottschalk, Halsey, Hatch, Henderson, Holt, Kelly, Labranche, Lagroue, LeBlanc, Meredith, McEnery, McCloskey, Ormond, Powell, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Snider, Smith, Stille, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Whittington, Waddell and Weeks—47 Representatives.

No quorum being present, on motion an informal recess was taken until 11½ o'clock, when the roll was again called, and the following members were present:

The Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and Messrs. Anderson Samuel, Austin, Alverson, Bailey, Bense, Blackman, Brown, Boyce, Bruton, Collins, Convillon, Davenport, Deblanc, Deporter, DeLabarre, Drew, Duralde, Eastin, Eager, Elam, Eustis, Edwards, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Gaiser, Green, Gottschalk, Halsey, Head, Hatch, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, Jonas, Kelly, Labranche, Lagroue, Leeds, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, Meredith, McKelvey, McEnery, McConnell, McDonald, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips J., Powell, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Snider, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington, Wiltz, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—80 Representatives.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Palmer.

On motion of Mr. Stille, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Scanlan, the unfinished business of yesterday was taken up, being

An act to increase the revenue of the State.

Pending the motion to fill the blank in the schedule of stamps, caused by the motion adopted yesterday, to strike out the words "one per cent." in the clause of said schedule, and insert "one-half per cent.," the motion to fill the blank with the words "one-half per cent." was adopted. and the clause, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Voorhies, an additional clause to the schedule of stamps was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gottschalk, a proviso was added at the end of the schedule of stamps.

Mr. Stille moved the previous question. Carried.

It was then moved that the bill, as amended, be adopted as a whole on the second reading. Carried.

The bill was then, on motion, read a third time, and put on its final passage, when Messrs. Elam and Tucker called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson S., Alverson, Bailey, Blackman, Bonnabel, Brown, Boyce, Collins, Davenport, Deblanc, Duralde, Eastin, Eager, Eustis, Edwards, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gates, Green, Halsey, Hatch, Henderson, Higgins, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Labranche, Lagroue, Lemarie, LeBlanc, Lipscomb, McEnery, McCloskey, Montgomery, Murray, Ormond, Roman, Rogers, Robinson, Scanlan, Seger, Simonds, Smith, Stille, Scott, Solomon, Tete, Theriot, Voorhies, Walker, Whittington and Wiltz—53.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Bense, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Drew, Elam, Gaiser, Gottschalk, Head, Higgins, Leeds, Meredith, McKelvey, McConnell, McDonald, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Powell, Prudhomme, Regenberg, Richards, Sambola, Snider, Theriot, Thieneman, Tucker, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—29.

And the bill was passed.

Mr. Thieneman asked and obtained leave to have his reasons for voting in the negative spread upon the journal, as follows:

On the passage of this bill I vote "no," because I consider its provisions provide for an unequal taxation, therefore unconstitutional, and because I believe it excessive and unnecessary, therefore unjust and oppressive upon the people.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the title was amended so as to read as follows:

An act to raise a revenue to the State by means of stamps and stamped paper; making appropriations for the purposes of the act; and providing penalties for violating the provisions of the act, and for counterfeiting or fraudulently imitating the dies or stamps, or other apparatus authorized by the act, and for wilfully destroying or defacing the stamps imposed under this act.

And the bill as amended in body and title and passed, was ordered to be sent to the Senate, and was sent accordingly by the House Messenger.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

A message was received from the Senate, through O. Arroyo, Esq., Assistant Secretary, asking the concurrence of the House in

An act relative to respits.

An act for the relief of the Baton Rouge and Grosse Tete Railroad Company.

And requesting the signature of the Speaker of the House to the following Senate enrolled bills:

An act providing for and fixing the compensation of the officers of the General Assembly.

An act fixing the day of meeting of the General Assembly,

And announcing that the President of the Senate had signed

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Ouachita Female Academy, in the town of Monroe.

An act directing the State Engineer to make a survey and examination of the canal, shell road and other works belonging to the Canal and Banking Company.

Joint resolution granting certain powers to the Joint Committee on Railroads.

Joint resolution allowing time to the translators and journal clerks of the General Assembly to bring up the work of the General Assembly.

Joint resolution appropriating \$11,750 for charitable purposes.

An act for the relief of H. Cassidy, of the city of New Orleans.

And that the Senate had adopted and passed substitute for House bill 113—

An act making appropriations for the remainder of the year 1865.

Mr. Elam moved to take up House bill No. 50, entitled

Joint resolutions to provide for the appointment of a special committee to revise the penal laws of the State of Louisiana, and to suggest repeals and amendments thereof and additions thereto, with authority to appoint a clerk, and to sit during the recess of the House.

And the rules being suspended, the same was taken up, read a second and third time, passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holt, Senate bill entitled

An act relative to the State Penitentiary was taken up, and, on a suspension of the rules, underwent its several readings, was concurred in and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, chairman of the Finance Committee, House bill No. 114 entitled an act to provide for the collection of certain taxes, was taken up on its second reading.

Pending the consideration of said bill Mr. DeLabarre, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled the following House bills:

An act for the relief of H. Cassidy, of the city of New Orleans.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Ouachita Female Academy in the town of Monroe, in the parish of Ouachita, and for other purposes.

Joint resolution appropriating eleven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars for charitable purposes.

Joint resolution directing the State Engineer to make a survey and examination of the canal, shell road, and other works, belonging to the Canal and Banking Company.

Joint resolution allowing further time to the translators and journal clerks of the General Assembly to finish the work of the General Assembly.

Joint resolution granting certain powers to the joint committee on Railroads.

A message was received from the Senate announcing the concurrence of that body in House joint resolution as follows:

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the translators elected by both Houses of the General Assembly, be, and are hereby allowed, each, the sum of eight dollars per diem, and that the same be paid upon the warrant of the respective warrant clerks of the General Assembly, approved by the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
New Orleans, Dec. 22, 1865. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I am instructed by his Excellency, the Governor, to inform the House that he has signed and approved

"An act to establish an election precinct in Kernerville, parish of Jefferson," "an act amending an act entitled "an act supplementary to the acts incorporating the town of Thibodaux," approved May 29th, 1846.

N. C. SNETHEN,

Private Secretary.

A further communication was received from his Excellency the Governor, as follows:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
New Orleans, Dec. 21, 1865. }

To the Honorable House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:

Herewith I return unapproved to your honorable House, where it originated, joint resolution of the General Assembly, ordering the State Treasurer to pay to J. Bermudez, formerly Judge of the Second District Court of New Orleans, for services said to have been rendered by him in said court from the 1st day of April to the 14th day of June, 1862, the sum of one thousand and forty-one dollars and sixty-five cents.

The services said to have been rendered by J. Bermudez must in the main have been given, if at all, subsequent to the re-assertion in New Orleans of the national authority by the military power of the government, in April, 1862.

Why they were not then paid for is unexplained, and I must infer, consequently, that it was because

of the disloyal refusal of the said J. Bermudez to renew those reasonable and just pledges of loyalty and fidelity due by all faithful citizens to their country, and which it was especially incumbent upon such as were honored with judicial authority to give with hearty spontaneity.

This conviction renders it impossible to reconcile the approval of the joint resolution which I return, with duty to my country, the national government, and the dictates of my own conscience; and I trust, the reasons I have assigned will commend themselves to your honorable body for their sufficiency.

J. MADISON WELLS.

The above communication was accompanied by the House enrolled bill entitled "joint resolution for the relief of Joachim Bermudez."

In obedience to the requirements of the Constitution of the State the House proceeded at once to the consideration of said bill.

The Speaker briefly announced the question before the House as follows:

Those who are in favor of passing the bill will vote yea, those opposed nay.

And ordered a call of the yeas and nays with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blackman, Brown, Collins, Davenport, Deblanc, Delamore, Deporter, DeLabarre, Drew, Duralde, Eustis, Fagot, Fenner, Freret, Fishburn, Fulda, Gottschalk, Halsey, Harrison, Hudspeth, Jonas, Kelly, Labranche, Leeds, Lemarie, Lipscomb, Meredith, McEnery, McConnell, McCloskey, Montgomery, Nutt, Ormond, Peterson, Phillips James, Phillips Alf., Powell, Regenberg, Robinson, Sambola, Scanlan, Snider, Smith, Scott, Thieneman, Tucker, Voorhies, Williamson, Waddell and Weeks—61 yeas.

Nays—Messrs. Alverson, Bensel, Bonabel, Bruton, Eastin, Green, Henderson, Higgins, Holt, LeBlanc, McKelvey, Prudhomme, Richards, Roman, Rogers, Simonds, Seger, Stille, Theriot, Walker and Whittington—22 nays.

Mr. Elam, in the Chair, announced the result, and declared the motion to pass the bill lost, as it required the affirmative votes of two thirds of all the members elected to the House to pass the same.

A further message was received from his Excellency, the Governor, as follows:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
New Orleans, December 21st, 1865. }

To the Honorable the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:

An act which originated in your honorable body, suspending the collection of State Taxes for the years 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864, has been presented for my approval.

I apprehend the passage of this act was done hastily and without careful consideration and deliberation, otherwise honorable Senators and Representatives could not have failed to see that its

provisions would sanctify rebellion to the government and treason to the nation, and discourage devotion and loyalty to both.

For nearly four years past the loyal men of a portion of Southern Louisiana alone have had the entire burden thrown upon them of sustaining the State and local administration; and amid the most trying perils and bitter discouragements have met every demand upon them. Would it then be wise, just, considerate, reasonable, or patriotic, to relieve from their just proportion the bad men who took up arms to overthrow the Government and destroy the Union, or those, more guilty, who, pursuing profitable callings or filling rich sinecures within the rebel lines, abandoned their property to military capture?

Your honorable House will, therefore, I am persuaded, on reflection, see how monstrous the distinction would be which this act proposes to sanction, and cannot fail to appreciate truly the just indignation which any attempt to relieve transgressors against the nation, to the injury of the faithful, the loyal, and the pre-eminently deserving, must necessarily excite throughout the length and breadth of the land.

I feel profoundly for the distresses of every class and description of our fellow-citizens, and would gladly relieve them, but the first claimants upon sympathy are those who have clung fast to their duty and their country.

This act being, then, in my opinion, in the highest degree objectionable, I return it unapproved.

J. MADISON WELLS.

Which, with the preceding message, were ordered to be spread upon the journal.

The Speaker then announced the question to the House as follows:

"Shall the House bill returned unapproved by the Governor, entitled

"An act suspending the collection of State taxes for the years 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864,

"Be passed by the House? Those in favor of the passage of the same will vote yea—those opposed, nay."

And the yeas and nays were ordered, when it was informally announced that the Senate was about to adjourn *sine die*, without concurring in House resolution rescinding the resolution to adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M. to-day. Whereupon the Speaker sent the Clerk of the House to ascertain whether the Senate had adjourned or was about to adjourn. The Clerk returned and announced that he was informed by the President of the Senate that the Senate had adjourned *sine die*. Whereupon on motion of Mr. McConnell, the hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, and the House being informed as above stated, of the adjournment of the Senate, the House adjourned *sine die*.

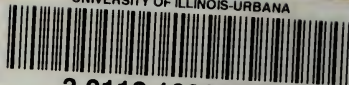
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